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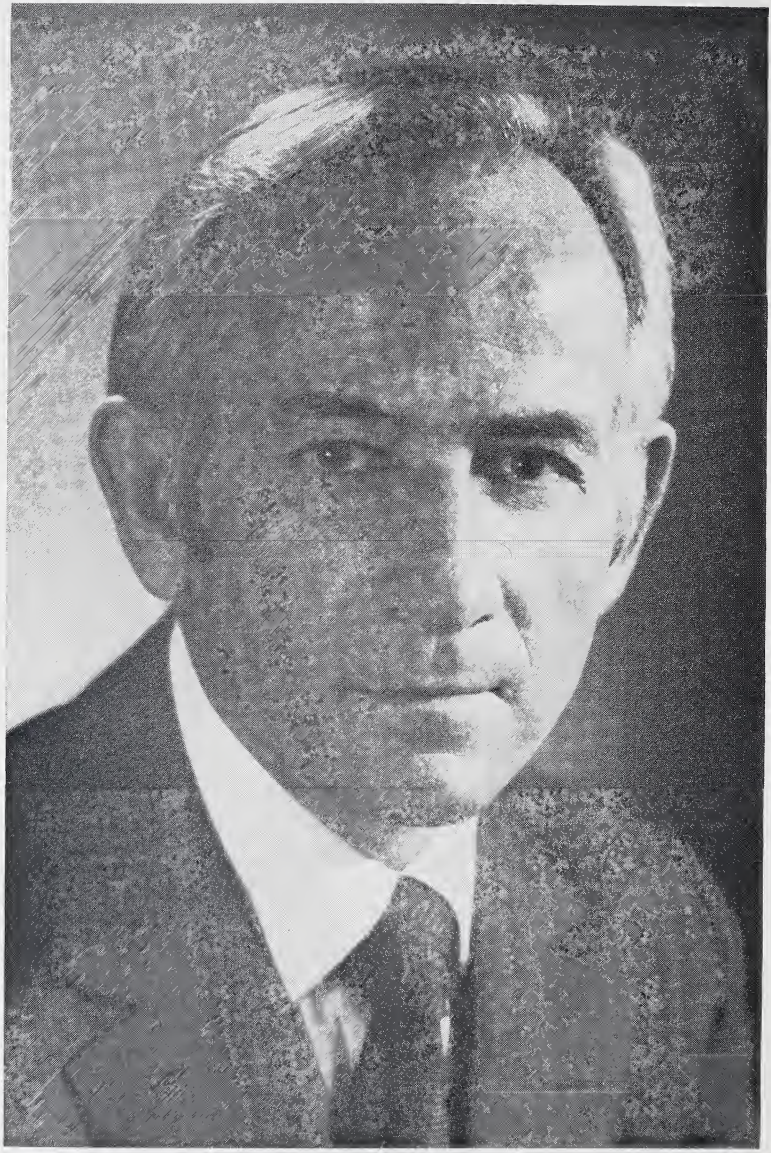

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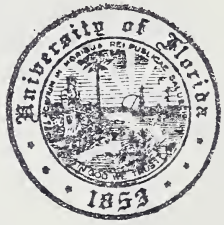

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Biography

Jerry Lyle Pettis was born in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Ariz., July 18, 1916; received elementary and secondary education in Arizona and California; graduated from Pacific Union College, Angwin, Calif., in 1938; engaged in graduate work at the University of Southern California and the University of Denver in 1939–41; founder of Magnetic Tape Duplicators of Los Angeles; founder of Audio-Digest Foundation, a subsidiary of California Medical Association; founder, Jerry Pettis & Associates, consultant firm for radio, television, and the motion picture industry; flight instructor, search and rescue pilot, Colorado Wing CAP; served during World War II as pilot with Air Transport Command, Pacific Theater, 1941–46; professor of economics; vice president for development and chairman of the Board of Councilors, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, Calif., 1948–61; special assistant to the president of United Air Lines, Chicago, Ill.; owner of citrus and avocado ranch, Pauma Valley, Calif.; elected as a Republican to the 90th and to the four succeeding Congresses, and served from January 3, 1967, until his death February 14, 1975, in a private aircraft crash in Banning, Calif.; interment in Montecito Memorial Park Cemetery, San Bernardino, Calif.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FOR

JERRY L. PETTIS

Proceedings in the House

MONDAY, *February 17, 1975.*

The House met at 12 o'clock noon.

The Chaplain, Rev. Edward G. Latch, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Perserve me, O God; for in Thee do I put my trust.—Psalm 16:1.

O Thou who are our refuge in every age and our strength for each day, we thank Thee for the glorious history of our beloved Republic and for the heroic service rendered by men and women in our past whose devotion and sacrifice has helped to make and preserve us as a nation.

Particularly this day do we remember our first President and once again listen to the words of wisdom in his Farewell Address. We thank Thee for his courage in adversity, his fortitude in hardship, and his faith which sent him to his knees in prayer that he might learn the way to go.

May the memory of this great American strengthen the soul of America and inspire our people to rise above the difficulties and the discouragements of the present hour as they respond to the challenge to keep freedom and peace active and alive in our troubled world.

We mourn the passing of our beloved colleague, JERRY PETTIS. Grant unto his loved ones strength and courage for the living of these days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and a sense of regret that those of us in the California delegation—and our colleague, the Honorable Bob Wilson, was sorry he could not be here today—announce the passing of our good and close friend, JERRY PETTIS.

JERRY was a very devoted public servant. He gave full and total time to this job. He was always on the job when he was to be present, and we regret very much that he has left us in such a tragic way. He knew and totally studied all of his responsibilities as a Member of this

House, and was a very thorough member of the Ways and Means Committee.

Prior to his service in the House of Representatives he had built many successful businesses in the private market system, and proved that the system worked, especially for the consumer.

He brought that knowledge and that capability to this House of Representatives and was able to bring that insight to the Committee on Ways and Means which plays such an important role in the House of Representatives. The Ways and Means Committee affects every single citizen of this country, and JERRY carried that responsibility with a sense of deep concern for all those affected by its actions.

JERRY PETTIS was a very fine religious man and believed thoroughly in spiritual values as an important part of life. He leaves a family rich in the tradition of those religious values. We know that it will be of comfort to Shirley and his children to be aware that these religious values will help all of them in this time of need.

The California delegation will announce at another time a special order so that others will have the opportunity to comment on their feelings about this fine public servant, JERRY PETTIS. We are well aware that he has many friends in the House and outside this Congress.

Mr. MICHEL. Mr. Speaker, when my office was called last Friday to advise me of the possibility of JERRY PETTIS' plane crashing, I was stunned. When the final word came to me, our worst fears had come true, and I just felt crushed, for it was just a few weeks ago that I had appointed JERRY PETTIS as my deputy whip here on the Republican side.

Since that time we have had occasion to meet frequently, making plans for the whip organization, I was counting on him so much to give us the help we desperately needed.

As the gentleman from California (Mr. Rousselot) has indicated, this is not the time for extended eulogies, as most of the California delegation remained out in California at the conclusion of the Lincoln Day recess and will stay there for the funeral; but I do want to extend my unbounded sympathy to Shirley and their three children, Yvonne, Peter, and Deborah.

Mr. Speaker, I should like to announce that funeral services will be held tomorrow at 1 p.m. at the University Church, Loma Linda, Calif., with burial in the Montecito Memorial Park.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Emerson-Bartlett Mortuary, 703 Brookside Avenue, Redlands, Calif.

Messages can be sent either there or in care of Dr. and Mrs. Harold McCumber, 24934 Tulip Avenue, Loma Linda, Calif. 93254.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that contributions be made to the Jerry L. Pettis Veterans Hospital, Memorial Chapel Fund, Post Office Box 425, San Bernardino, Calif. 92402.

It is my understanding, Mr. Speaker, that the congressional delegation here in Washington that will be attending the funeral will gather on the House steps at 8:45 in the morning to leave for Andrews Air Force Base and to have wheels up as soon as we can and then returning to Washington very late tomorrow evening.

Mr. McFALL. Mr. Speaker, all of us share the sorrow and deep regret at the passing of our colleague, the gentleman from California, Mr. JERRY PETTIS. All of us in the California delegation will participate later in eulogies to this great man; but it should be said at this time that JERRY PETTIS' untimely death is a great loss to this House and a great loss to the country.

JERRY PETTIS at 58 years of age had many more years of remarkably competent service to give to his country. He had been a flyer in World War II, an instructor; he flew over the Hump in China. He was an inventor of remarkable capacity, a businessman, an educator, an economics professor, a man who had been a commercial flyer with the United Air Lines and a principal assistant to President Patterson of United Air Lines in the beginning of United's operations in this country. Here was a man who had much to give to his country, as he had given in the past.

I feel a real sense of personal loss. My wife and I went with Shirley and JERRY to China in 1973. They were a remarkable couple, with a very fine family.

Mr. Speaker, we extend our deepest sympathy to Shirley and the family.

Mr. O'NEILL. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in expressing at this particular time our regrets to the wife of JERRY and his family.

I knew JERRY well. He was an extremely interesting fellow with an amazing background both in the business world and as an inventor, aviator, and a loyal Member of this House. He was true to the philosphy in which he believed. No matter by what means or method we measure a man, JERRY PETTIS was a great man.

Mr. Speaker, I will enlarge upon my remarks at a later time.

Mr. DEVINE. Mr. Speaker, I join with the others here on the floor today in paying tribute to one of God's great people, JERRY PETTIS of California.

I was shocked to learn of the manner in which he passed away. Just the last week before our recess period I had breakfast with JERRY. We had a rather lengthy discussion about air safety and talked about ground proximity warning indicators and so forth. I never knew of a man more dedicated to safety in the field of aviation than JERRY. He was a long time commercial pilot for United Air Lines and a highly successful businessman in his own right. He flew all over his district.

Mr. Speaker, I have to believe that there were some factors beyond his control which caused him to pancake into the mountain as he did on this occasion.

He made tremendous contributions to this House as well as to this country through his dedicated public service. He was an objective man, especially in analyzing the great issues before our country.

Mr. Speaker, I join the gentleman in the well and the others here in paying tribute to him, to his memory and to his family, to whom we all wish to offer our condolences.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Ohio for his remarks. Our colleague, Mr. Devine, is right when he says that JERRY PETTIS gave many hours to solving the problems of air safety.

Mr. CONABLE. Mr. Speaker, I sat next to JERRY PETTIS on the Ways and Means Committee, and I knew him very well and admired his character and his abilities. I share in the general shock we all feel at the tragic accident that has deprived the Nation of his services.

JERRY was the kind of Congressman who did not view himself as a professional legislator, but as a man who, having benefited greatly from the rewards that our particular system could give to his energy, abilities, and ingenuity, felt that he owed his country something in return.

When JERRY ran for Congress, he was not looking for a job; he came here as a man who had been successful in everything he had done. He approached public service with absolutely the finest motivation any American citizen could have, to repay his country for permitting him to make the most of his opportunities as a private citizen.

Mr. Speaker, we have been enriched by association with this kind

of man and the ideals of public service he symbolized. I deeply regret his passing, and participate in a general feeling of loss that we are never going to be able to express adequately.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, I think the gentleman from New York has stressed, as so many others have, the unusual and outstanding sense of public service that JERRY PETTIS gave to the House, to his constituents and to the whole Nation. As my colleague from New York has just mentioned, he really came here to serve, not himself, but his constituency and the entire Nation. That statement cannot be made of very many public servants.

Mr. LAGOMARSINO. Mr. Speaker, I did not have the opportunity of knowing JERRY PETTIS as long and as well as many of my colleagues, but one did not have to know JERRY PETTIS very long to know exactly what kind of a man he was, what kind of a Representative he was, and what kind of an American he was.

It has all been pretty well said, but I think one thing we could all keep in mind is that perhaps if we all just think a little bit, as I certainly have been doing since Friday, about what kind of a man he was, about what kind of a Congressman he was, and try a little bit harder to be that way ourselves, perhaps some good will come out of this tragedy.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman is correct. It is probably the best way we can remember JERRY PETTIS, a true memorial to his good service, by doing the same thing ourselves.

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleague from California for taking this occasion to pay tribute to a decent human being whom I have known for a decade. I would sum up my impression of JERRY PETTIS by saying that he was one of the most self-disciplined human beings I have ever known, which is to say that he was economical with the resources of this world, and all of those who knew him know that he was economical with his words. He did not say a lot, but when he said something one understood what he meant and one knew a contribution had been made.

He was a decent human being, and I think that not only this body but, obviously, this country—and, really, this world—has suffered from his loss.

One can only remember the epitaph that seems to be proven again and again every time our hearts are broken this way, that only the good die young.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 171

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable JERRY L. PETTIS, a Representative from the State of California.

Resolved, That a committee of 70 Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy to the family of the deceased.

The resolutions were agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee the following Members on the part of the House:

Mr. Moss, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Michel, Mr. Bob Wilson of California, Mr. Sisk, Mr. McFall, Mr. Johnson of California, Mr. Bell, Mr. Corman, Mr. Edwards of California.

Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Leggett, Mr. Roybal, Mr. Talcott, Mr. Van Deerlin, Mr. Charles H. Wilson of California, Mr. Don H. Clausen, Mr. Del Clawson, Mr. Phillip Burton, Mr. Rees, Mr. Wiggins.

Mr. McCloskey, Mr. Anderson of California, Mr. Goldwater, Mr. Rousselot, Mr. Danielson, Mr. Dellums, Mr. Brown of California, Mr. Burgener, Mrs. Burke of California, Mr. Hinshaw, Mr. Ketchum.

Mr. Moorhead of California, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Stark, Mr. Lagomarsino, Mr. John L. Burton, Mr. Hannaford, Mr. Krebs, Mr. Lloyd of California, Mr. Miller of California, Mr. Mineta, Mr. Patterson of California, Mr. Waxman.

Mr. Mills, Mr. Burleson of Texas, Mr. Landrum, Mr. Vanik, Mr. Ullman, Mr. Burke of Massachusetts, Mr. Karth, Mr. Rostenkowski, Mr. Schneebeli, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Pike, Mr. Waggonner.

Mr. Fulton, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Green, Mr. Conable, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Esch, Mr. Ruppe, Mr. Steiger of Arizona, Mr. Steiger of Wisconsin, Mr. Winn, Mr. Archer, and Mr. Vander Veen.

The Clerk will report the remaining resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, February 18, 1975, at 12 o'clock noon.

WEDNESDAY, *February 19, 1975.*

Mr. NATCHER. Mr. Speaker, the tragic and sudden death of our friend and able colleague, JERRY L. PETTIS, has shocked and saddened those of us who were privileged to serve with him in the House of Representatives.

JERRY PETTIS was an outstanding Member of Congress. He possessed a certain quality, a character, that destined him to become not only a leader of his party but of men. His background as a businessman, his expertise as a former professor of economics, his experience in aviation, were recognized and respected. These abilities combined with sincere concern enabled him to serve his people effectively and in a manner in which they should be represented. He, JERRY L. PETTIS, was a man of good will, of energy, and of dedication.

A good Member and a good man is gone now from this body and we are the better for having had him as our colleague.

For Mrs. Pettis and his children, to whom he was devoted, I have the deepest sympathy and offer them as comfort the knowledge that their husband and father in all that he did, was an honorable and just man.

Mr. MAZZOLI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sorrow at the untimely death of our colleague from California, JERRY PETTIS.

It was my pleasure to know JERRY mainly from the House Prayer Breakfast group which meets each Thursday morning. He will be missed from that gathering.

His dedication to his constituents and his devotion to duty is evidenced in the fact he was on a business trip—not a pleasure trip—when his plane went down.

JERRY PETTIS' absence is sure to be felt keenly among his friends and colleagues in the House and among his constituents and friends in California. This is the highest tribute that can be paid to a good man and an accomplished legislator.

My wife and I extend our deepest condolences and sympathy to JERRY's beloved wife and devoted family.

Mr. EVINS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, certainly I was shocked and saddened to learn of the tragic passing last week of our colleague, Representative JERRY PETTIS, of California, and I want to take this means of paying a brief but sincere tribute to the memory of this distinguished American.

JERRY PETTIS served his district, State, and Nation faithfully and well during his 9 years in the Congress. He served on the Committee on Ways and Means and sought conscientiously to represent the best interests of the people in his work on this important committee.

He was a successful businessman and his knowledge and experience in business were most helpful in the committee's deliberations on tax matters.

JERRY PETTIS was an able, personable, and genial colleague, and certainly he will be greatly missed. My wife, Ann, joins me in extending this expression of our deepest and most sincere sympathy to his wife, Shirley, and their children, in their loss and bereavement.

Mr. BOB WILSON. Mr. Speaker, I have taken this time to allow my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the memory of one of the finest Members of Congress who ever stood in the well of this House, the late JERRY PETTIS, who just recently met with a tragic accident while on a flying trip in his own congressional district of California.

The accomplishments of JERRY PETTIS on behalf of mankind, as a legislator and through other endeavors, were numerous. I am sure they will be referred to many times today in the eulogies of our colleagues who grieve the tragic loss of this wonderful man. He had been an inventor, a businessman, an educator, a Christian leader, a rancher, a philanthropist, and an aviator, both in peacetime and in war; but through all of his endeavors ran a single thread of purpose—to extend a helping hand to others. His genuine friendliness toward his colleagues pierced the formality of our daily chores in the House. His untimely death is not only a great loss to Congress and our Nation, but to me personally, for he had been one of my closest friends.

As a Congressman, JERRY PETTIS was a dynamic legislator, one who always contributed new ideas for solving problems, not only on a national level, but those of his constituents whom he served so well with endless energy. There was never a constituent request that did not receive his fullest effort.

As a member of the Committee on Ways and Means, he had just reached a leadership position as ranking minority member of the Subcommittee on Health when his life was cut short. His colleagues on that subcommittee, I know, are well aware of the excitement and enthusiasm JERRY PETTIS had about delving into the complex question of a national health program.

JERRY PETTIS in one of his recent experiences had been a hospital administrator and was an acknowledged expert on medical problems. During a recent visit to Red China he spent much of his time exploring Chinese medical knowledge and practices, including acupuncture.

Mr. Speaker, my wife, Shirley and I, extend our deepest sympathy to his children Yvonne, Deborah, and Peter, and especially to his widow, Shirley, who was always a helpmate of his political campaigning. In the conduct of his business she often attended with him the various meetings throughout his large district. She often spoke for him when he was not able to be present. She is a beautiful person in every way and we, my wife and I, extend to her our special sympathy.

Mr. STEIGER of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman's taking this time. JERRY PETTIS and I have been close friends. My wife, Janet, and Shirley are close friends. It is terribly difficult to believe he is no longer with us.

JERRY PETTIS was one of those rare individuals who could truly be called a modern day Renaissance man. He was an inventor, a university professor, a leader in government and public service, and one of the guiding lights of his church. Above and beyond everything else, JERRY PETTIS represented the finest ideals and qualities of a human being. He was generous with his time and talents, he was generous to his friends, and to those he may never have met but who sought his help.

I looked to JERRY PETTIS for guidance and counsel, and I shall miss him very much.

Mr. Speaker, the day the delegation went to JERRY's funeral will be for me and for Jan one of the saddest days we have ever experienced. It was a tribute to him that so many in his district came to the Loma Linda University chapel or were waiting outside that chapel. Perhaps no one could ask for more than to know that those he served held that kind of affection.

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California for yielding to me. I want to commend him for

taking this time to allow us to express our individual respect and regard for JERRY PETTIS.

Mr. Speaker, it is nearly impossible for me to convey the sense of shock and deep personal loss which struck me on Friday afternoon, February 14, when I first learned of the sudden death of JERRY PETTIS. I have known JERRY since he first came to Congress in 1967, when he was assigned to the House Science and Astronautics Committee on which I also served. I developed great respect for his legislative abilities and intelligence during the next few years; and I found Congressman PETTIS to be a cordial companion in the many activities in which, because of our common committee assignment, we participated together. In 1968 we both took part in an inspection trip to our scientific facilities in Antarctica, and the following year we were guests together on a Los Angeles television station, providing commentary during the historic Apollo 11 mission.

But it has been only since 1972, when reapportionment found us campaigning in adjacent districts for the first time, that I have come to fully appreciate the exceptional qualities which made JERRY L. PETTIS so popular, not only among his colleagues here in the House, but also in the community which he so ably represented for the last 8 years.

Mr. Speaker, rather than try to describe the respect and affection with which JERRY PETTIS was regarded by his constituents, I would like to submit at the end of my remarks the texts of editorials which appeared in the San Bernardino Sun-Telegram and the Riverside Press-Enterprise on Sunday, February 16. These editorials convey better than I could the feelings which JERRY's integrity, ability, and dedication inspired among his constituents.

One of the reasons for JERRY PETTIS' exceptional popularity back home was his sincere, intense commitment to stimulating and diversifying the economic base of the Inland Empire, as the area we come from is called. Just 1 week before his death, JERRY saw one of his many efforts in this field bear fruit, as the metropolitan San Bernardino area was designated a special impact area by the Economic Development Administration. Congressman PETTIS had worked closely with city and county officials in the successful effort to obtain this designation for San Bernardino, which entitled the area to a number of important benefits, including an increase from 50 percent to 80 percent in the amount of Federal funding available for qualified local public works projects.

Although JERRY PETTIS was a moderately conservative Republican—with most observers feeling that he was moving more toward the moderate side as the years went by—and I am generally regarded as a liberal Democrat, our differing philosophical and political views never interfered with the close working relationship we developed over the past few years. JERRY and I worked closely together on several legislative matters of particular concern to the residents of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. Always, in every contact we had, Congressman PETTIS displayed the highest qualities of statesmanship, integrity, and dedication to the interests of his constituents and the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I mourn the loss of a friend, the people of California's 37th District have lost a dedicated and able Representative, and the Congress shall be the less for the tragic death of one of its most capable and hardworking Members.

I extend my sympathy and heartfelt best wishes in this difficult time to those most directly affected by this tragedy; the Congressman's gracious and popular wife, Shirley; their children; and JERRY's very knowledgeable and competent staff both here and back in California.

At this point I submit for the Record the texts of the two editorials to which I referred earlier:

[From the Riverside (Calif.) Press-Enterprise, Feb. 16, 1975]

JERRY PETTIS

Representative JERRY PETTIS, Republican of Loma Linda, who died in the crash of his private plane Friday morning, was a man of exceptional energy, a dynamic politician who could shoehorn a great deal of activity into a small amount of time. It is not at all incongruous that he died in transit in his district, for he was proud of the agility his light plane gave him, and relied on it heavily.

Rancher, businessman, inventor, professor, university administrator, and finally congressman, Representative PETTIS was a man whose talent and appetite for work stood out. He had in recent years moved closer to his party's philosophical center, and his colleagues in the House GOP had recognized his ability and leadership, first with important committee assignments and most recently with election as deputy GOP whip.

He had represented portions of San Bernardino County since 1967; only with the most recent reapportionment were portions of Riverside County added to his district. His seniority and his ability added up to a promising future, one which could have been beneficial to this area in a way that no successor's work can be for at least several years and perhaps not even then. Personally and as a congressman, he will be missed.

[From the San Bernardino (Calif.) Sun-Telegram, Feb. 16, 1975]

JERRY L. PETTIS

The shock of the death of JERRY L. PETTIS, member of Congress from the 37th District of California, will linger long with deepest sadness.

The crash of his plane Friday, which he was piloting, in the mountains north of Beaumont in San Gorgonio Pass, ended the outstanding career of this fine public servant at its peak. He would have been 59 next July.

The tragedy brought to an untimely close a record begun more than seven years ago of uninterrupted devotion to the House and to the people who chose him as their representative.

PETTIS brought to his office a rare and valuable blend of experience and talent. He was special assistant to the president of United Air Lines for four years after his Air Force service as an instructor and pilot with the Air Transport Command in the Pacific Theater in World War II.

He then turned to his own private businesses and formed four successful companies. Moreover, he found time to teach economics as a Loma Linda University professor, and served as vice president of the university as well as chairman of its Board of Counselors.

At this point in his life he was drawn to a desire to devote his energies and abilities to the people of his congressional district and to the people of the United States through its House of Representatives.

He was elected first in 1966 and was reelected every two years since. He was that kind of man—a representative, admired and respected by those in his Republican party and those in the Democratic party alike.

His qualities did not go unnoticed in the House. He became a leader of the California congressional delegation and at his death was a member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee. This gave him the influence which he used widely both in the interests of the Nation as a whole and in the interests of his district and his State.

His level-headed judgment will be missed in the House of Representatives, of course. But he never allowed the weight of his responsibilities there to keep him from the people in his district, or throughout the Inland Empire.

He kept close to them, listened to them, helped them and visited them frequently—the mark of a congressman living up to the finest tradition of dedication to constituents.

The Nation has suffered a great loss with the death of this honorable and compassionate and earnest man. Even greater, though, is the loss mourned by those of us who will ever remember his gracious smile, good humor, and constant concern for us and our problems.

There will be other congressmen to represent us. But not another JERRY L. PETTIS.

Mr. Speaker, I want to add one additional thing. At the funeral which so many of us attended, during the eulogies it was suggested that it would be a fitting tribute to JERRY if the Loma Linda Veterans Hospital now under construction in his hometown might be designated as the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans' Hospital.

This, of course, requires legislation by the Congress. During the past few days, several of his friends in the California delegation have been circulating a draft of a bill which would accomplish this aim. I am very pleased to report that every member of the California delegation who has been contacted—and I think we have contacted all but possibly one or two—has agreed to cosponsor this, together with the leadership on both sides of the aisle and other close friends of JERRY.

We have considerably more than 50 cosponsors of this legislation, which we will introduce on the next legislative day.

I personally think it would be a great action on the part of this House if we could move this bill through as expeditiously as possible and designate this hospital which JERRY worked so hard to secure, both as to its location and as to its connection with the Loma Linda Medical School and the Loma Linda University, with which he was closely associated. I just hope we can achieve this memorial in his name, which I am sure will have the unanimous support of all of the people of this district.

Mr. BOB WILSON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California, and I would like to add that the Republican delegation from California has joined with the gentleman from California (Mr. Brown) in cosponsoring the legislation of naming the new hospital in Loma Linda in honor of JERRY PETTIS and we will introduce companion legislation, with others who care to do so, along with the gentleman from California (Mr. Don H. Clausen).

Mr. DON H. CLAUSEN. Mr. Speaker, I proudly associate myself with the remarks of my colleague from California (Bob Wilson) and the other Members participating in this eulogy to JERRY PETTIS.

Also, I am delighted with the acceptance of the request made by our friend, George Brown, and myself to our California delegation and his friends in the Congress to cosponsor legislation designating the "Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans' Hospital" in Loma Linda, Calif.

This health facility will stand as a living monument to his outstanding record of accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, the death of our friend JERRY PETTIS has taken from the Congress one of its most able and effective Members and taken from our lives a man all of us came to love and respect. I have lost one of my closest friends.

JERRY was a remarkable man in so many ways and every one of us fortunate enough to know and work with him was enriched and rewarded by that association.

His life was marked by that quality of penetrating sincerity which we call integrity. His district, his State, and his beloved country have lost a great citizen. I will always think of him as a man who brought a great passion and personal commitment to the problems which faced our country.

The warmth of his spirit and the depth of his wisdom were a source of comfort, counsel, and advice that we could feel free to call upon—and we all did.

He was courageous. He was outspoken. And yet, while fighting so strongly for what he believed, he could disagree without being disagreeable—the secret to his success in every endeavor he undertook.

JERRY was a man of deep religious conviction and principle. He was devoted to his church and to his fellow man. He was persistent and idealistic and never one to lower his standards or his principles.

Adlai Stevenson once said: "It is often easier to fight for principles than to live up to them."

JERRY PETTIS was able to do both.

Ollie and I offer our deepest sympathies and prayers to his wife, Shirley, and family.

In my judgment, the spirit of JERRY PETTIS was captured well by an editorial in the Victorville, Calif., Daily Press and I will have it inserted in the Congressional Record so that it will be available to all.

In addition, each of us attending JERRY's funeral were deeply impressed by Dr. Alonzo Baker's moving eulogy which was a personal remembrance of a man well worth remembering.

JERRY PETTIS was the first Seventh-day Adventist to ever be elected to the Congress of the United States. With equally strong convictions relating to the preservation of constitutional principles, we worked together to guard against any possible erosion of religious liberty.

In death, JERRY PETTIS brought to his beloved Loma Linda more people of national political prominence than at any other time in history. The congressional delegation that flew out to Loma Linda to pay their last tribute to JERRY came away appreciative for the reception they received by JERRY's lovely wife Shirley and their many

friends and admirers and impressed by the institution, the people, and the program participants' eloquent eulogies to JERRY.

The nationally recognized musical talents of the King's Herald Quartet and Marilyn Cotten offered beautiful and appropriate renditions.

Our close mutual friend Elder Bill Loveless, Dr. Alonzo Baker, House Minority Leader John Rhodes and the uncomparable H. M. S. Richards, the "Voice of Prophecy," brilliantly and eloquently put JERRY PETTIS' life and all its meaning in full perspective.

It was a moving testimonial to an extraordinary man, husband, father, churchman, businessman, pilot, farmer, educator, and Congressman.

JERRY PETTIS was a genius as an inventor, innovator, and motivator—all directed toward helping his fellow man.

God has blessed you JERRY and all of us privileged to know and work with you.

Your spirit, influence, and constructive deeds will live on forever.

I include the aforementioned editorial and the "Life Sketches" of Dr. Alonzo Baker and Kenneth H. Wood.

This records for posterity the life story of my friend Congressman JERRY L. PETTIS of California.

The material follows:

[From the Victorville (Calif.) Daily Press, Feb. 18, 1975]

JERRY L. PETTIS WILL BE MISSED

Rep. JERRY L. PETTIS, whose funeral was held today on the campus at Loma Linda University, was a valued friend to all who knew him, to all of his constituents and to the desert. His loss will be felt deeply and for a long time.

It was typical of the man that when he died last Friday morning, his plane exploding on a hill near Banning, he was taking the extra step to do his job better as he saw it. He knew that bad weather might be encountered in San Gorgonio Pass, but to drive would have made him late for an appointment, and he hated to be late, not out of picayunish concern for punctuality, but out of concern for those who would be kept waiting.

In fact, he was in the district under protest. He felt the Congress should stay in session and work on the problems of the Nation rather than spending 10 days polishing apples in the home districts. But since his fellow representatives would not agree to working in Washington, he set about putting the time to as good a use as possible, as usual visiting as many of his far-flung constituents as possible.

It is standard practice, when a person of note dies, to list the person's accomplishments while overlooking the faults. JERRY PETTIS had no faults

worth overlooking. He was honest to a fault, generous to a fault, considerate to a fault, and friendly to a fault. But in an era when the popular pastime is looking for and chipping away at the clay feet of the mighty, PETTIS stood firm and tall. Never in five successful campaigns for Congress was there a successful attack on his reputation or competence. Never was there a question about his public or private behavior.

As he won, over close to a decade of representing us, our growing respect and allegiance as expressed in ever larger margins of majority votes, so he won respect and recognition from his peers in the House of Representatives and others in Washington, D.C. He was named early to the House Ways and Means Committee, a signal honor which recognized his legislative and intellectual abilities, and rose to become third ranking Republican on the committee. With little effort at campaigning for the job, he nearly won the minority whip post in the House against major contenders, and he was named deputy whip by the winner.

President Gerald Ford was among the earliest formally to express regret at last Friday's tragedy, and his regret was for both the loss of a friend and a counselor.

His constituents here in Victor Valley always knew they could call on him for help, knowing he would give as much as his principles would allow. He would never promise more than could be given; he would always deliver whatever he promised.

He was a public servant in the best sense of that term. He acted on his judgment of the greater good of all the public rather than out of concern for a special interest group or major financial supporters. He never apologized for his votes or positions in Congress; he didn't have to and he was never asked to.

His relations with the press were perhaps best spelled out by his former press secretary, Kolleen Schmidt, when she resigned to go back into the news business last month: "Let me emphasize I have enjoyed working with Congressman PETTIS and will never regret my association with him. He possesses the healthiest respect for the press of any politician I have ever known . . . I have never seen him less than honest with the media or with the people of the 37th District."

We will miss him.

LIFE SKETCH OF JERRY L. PETTIS

Today we mourn the tragic passing of the most distinguished resident the City of Loma Linda has ever known. Indeed, in the roster of distinguished men and women who have come from San Bernardino County in its 125 years of history few names, if any, shine with more luster than that of Representative in the Congress, JERRY PETTIS.

JERRY LYLE PETTIS was born in Phoenix, Arizona, on 18 July, 1916. His father, Dwight Pettis, died when JERRY was but 15 years of age. His mother, Clora Zimmerman Pettis, now 96, lives on in Phoenix. Owing to the infirmities of years she is unable to be here today.

JERRY was the eldest of five children, three of whom survive him. A sister, Mrs. Ramona Ireland, lives in Nelson, New Zealand; two brothers, George and Wendell Pettis, of Phoenix, are here today.

In addition to an adored wife, Shirley, JERRY leaves a son, Peter, 19, and a daughter, Deborah, 16. Deborah is a student in the very excellent private preparatory school, "The Bishop's School for Girls," in La Jolla. Peter is a recent graduate of the prestigious Sierra International Academy of Aeronautics in Northern California. Of the several score graduates in his class Peter was top man in grades and scholarship. He is now a licensed commercial pilot, and a licensed flight instructor.

Three other members of the close-knit Pettis family group are the parents of Mrs Pettis, Dr. Harold McCumber, veteran college history professor and author, and Mrs. Dorothy McCumber, and Mrs. Pettis' aunt, Dr. Maud O'Neill. These three are longtime residents of Loma Linda and active participants in community life here.

JERRY PETTIS took his preparatory school education in the Thunderbird S.D.A. Academy in Phoenix; his four years of college study were done at Pacific Union College in Napa County, California, from which he was graduated with high honors and as president of his class. JERRY did graduate study in speech at the University of Southern California earning a Master of Arts degree. In the school year of 1940–41 he taught speech at Union College, Nebraska.

For a time PETTIS was a Seventh-Day Adventist minister pastoring churches in Arizona and Colorado. Inasmuch as his parish areas were large he flew a rented plane. On a Sabbath morning he would preach in one of his churches; Sabbath afternoon in another far away; and sometimes even on a Saturday evening he would meet with a third congregation. He soon became known and publicized as "the flying parson."

It was during those years of ministry that JERRY came in contact with Elder H. M. S. Richards, an evangelist, and now the world famous Dr. Richards of the "Voice of Prophecy" radio broadcasts heard regularly the world around. Some 25 years ago Dr. Richards was the clergyman who united Shirley McCumber and JERRY PETTIS in marriage. It is that same venerable Dr. Richards who shortly will present the sermon of this afternoon.

After the Pearl Harbor debacle PETTIS, since his early boyhood an ardent believer in America, yearned to do something for his country then in distress. Hence he soon became an organizer for the Civil Air Patrol, known everywhere now as C.A.P. The C.A.P. is an organization of non-military fliers who respond instantly when a call comes over the air for assistance in locating a lost or downed plane. They do a tremendous job of search and rescue. For years JERRY also acted as a flight instructor for young fliers who wanted to join C.A.P. I hold in my hand a telegram from General Leslie Westberg, United States Air Force, and Commander C.A.P.:

"Dear Mrs. Pettis: The entire membership of C.A.P. has been saddened by the news of your husband's tragic death. The C.A.P. has lost one of its greatest friends and most respected leaders. His personal support and untiring efforts in our behalf will continue to be an inspiration to the 61,000 members of this national volunteer organization. Although words cannot express the depth of our concern, be assured of our prayers and heartfelt sympathy."

In the last two years of WW2, 1944 and 1945, JERRY PETTIS was with the Air Transport Command flying the Pacific. After the war he became a United Air Lines pilot, eventually rising to the position of Special Assistant to the President of United Air Lines.

Recognizing the great talents of JERRY PETTIS the Adventist medical school, now known as the Loma Linda Medical School, persuaded PETTIS to forgo his bourgeoning career in commercial aviation to become Vice-President for Public Affairs and Development. PETTIS was an influential factor in the consolidation of the hitherto bifurcated school on the Loma Linda campus; also in the planning and erection of the magnificent new 450-bed Medical Center Building; also in the improvement and enlargement of library and teaching facilities here. PETTIS was most active in promoting the medical school and its several affiliates to university status. He himself solicited large funds from the alumni for these improvements and expansions. Of more recent years he and Mrs. Pettis have been most liberal benefactors of this University, their gifts running six figures and more.

In the 1950's JERRY served as an executive in the office of the Los Angeles County Medical Society whose members number more than any other county medical society in America. It was during this period of time that PETTIS originated the tape-recorded Audio-Digest for the thousands of busy physicians he served. When JERRY accepted the invitation of this medical school to become one of its officials he turned his Audio-Digest business over to the C.M.A., the California Medical Association, with the one proviso that all profits made from his invention should go to assist needy medical students. To the day of his death last Friday the C.M.A., has been enabled to help deserving medical students to an amount in excess of ten million dollars.

Not many months ago a friend asked, "JERRY of all the things you have done in your career what gives you the most satisfaction?" Without even a moment's hesitation he replied. "The gift of the Audio-Digest to the C.M.A., and its resultant aid to hundreds of medical students who needed financial help to get through school; that's the thing which warms my heart the most. If I am remembered at all after I am gone that's the one thing I want to be remembered for."

Generosity and concern for others bring their own rewards to a man's heart, soul and psyche. If perchance they also pay dividends of a material worth then the doer and the giver is doubly blessed, as for example: The production of the Audio-Digest led PETTIS inexorably to the invention of the magnetic tape duplicating device, thence onward to the founding of the successful Hollywood business firm known as Magnetic Tape Duplicators whose profits have run into millions of dollars.

In the estimation of many friends of JERRY PETTIS his greatest accomplishment in the eight years he has been in Congress is his success in persuading the Federal Veterans' Administration to locate a new 550-bed $35,000,000 Veterans' Hospital on a tract of land near and adjunctive to the Loma Linda Medical School and Medical Center. Being a veteran of WWI myself, having been a member of the American Legion for more than a half century, and a past Post-Commander in the Legion, I applaud Congressman PETTIS for his part in locating a new veterans' facility in the heart of California's Inland Empire. I am joined in this applause by the tens of thousands of vet-

erans in Riverside, San Diego, San Bernardino, Imperial and Orange counties. I pray a suggestion from me on this somber occasion will not be deemed inappropriate. I make bold this day, and here and now, to suggest that the new hospital in America's Bi-Centennial year 1976 be named, "The Jerry Pettis Memorial Veterans' Hospital."

To give a faint idea of the high esteem held for JERRY PETTIS you have just heard the Minority Leader in the House of Representatives, the Honorable John Rhodes, Republican Congressman from JERRY's home state of Arizona, read you three Telex wire messages from President Gerald Ford, Evangelist Billy Graham, now on a campaign in Mexico City, Mexico, and George Bush, Ambassador to the Peoples' Republic of China from Peking. I have two more to read you now, the first from the greatest diplomatist America has ever had, Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, at the moment shuttling back and forth between Cairo, Tel Aviv, Damascus, Teheran and Riyadh in another effort to prevent another fateful Middle-East War. From the Mid-East under date of February 15, the day after JERRY's death, Henry Kissinger wired Mrs. Pettis: "I was shocked by the news of your husband's tragic accident. His absence will be a major loss to the Congress and will diminish us all."

How true Kissinger's words, "His absence will diminish us all"!

Yesterday at the McCumber residence here in Loma Linda I spent some hours looking over the hundreds upon hundreds of telegrams, mailgrams, and letters which have poured in since last Friday noon. All are addressed to Shirley who, of course, has not yet seen even a tithe of them. I was overwhelmed by the avalanche of esteem and admiration for JERRY, and the love and sympathy for Shirley. Allow me to read just one more, this one from "The Members of the San Bernardino City Council." I was more impressed by this communication than any other, and for this reason: Someone has said that a prophet is not without honor except in his own home town and community." In all my long life I have never felt called upon to challenge that statement, but I do so now! San Bernardino is the site of the headquarters office for Congressman PETTIS in all his huge 37th Congressional District. Lend your ear, please, to this from San Bernardino's City Fathers: addressed to Mrs. Pettis:

"Our hearts share your sorrows in these dark hours. There is so little we mortals can do for those left behind except hold them up in prayer so God, the Father, may see them through the valley of shadow to the sunshine of His mountain top. The world will surely long remember Congressman PETTIS as a giant among men who courageously stood for right and the betterment of mankind through effective government. His concern for all peoples, rich or poor, big or small, the neighbor next door or the person across the state, was without equal. This made him dear to the hearts of the people. Yes, Congressman PETTIS was a great man and losing him will be felt throughout the land. May God bless and keep you in these days." (Signed: Members of the City Council, City of San Bernardino.)

If the death of JERRY PETTIS constitutes an irreparable loss to California and the nation at large, his loss is even a greater blow to Seventh-day Adventism. JERRY was the first of our faith ever to sit in America's national legislature. The integumentation between the office of Congressman PETTIS on the Hill and our national and international headquarters a few miles away

in Takoma Park has been of invaluable aid to the officials of our General Conference. However, since last Friday our linkage with the Congress through the person of a capable and dedicated Seventh-Day Adventist Congressman no longer exists.

In the opinion of many of us here today Loma Linda University also has suffered a major loss in the passing of JERRY PETTIS. His guidance and wise counsel is no longer available to the trustees of the University nor to the Deans of the nine schools comprising the University. PETTIS was very popular and influential with the medical college alumni.

In the galaxy of names of persons who have contributed greatly to the upbuilding and upgrading of Loma Linda University are such as Dr. Percy Magan, Dr. Newton Evans, Dr. Edward Risley, Dr. G. T. Anderson, Dr. D. J. Bieber, and Dr. Robert Cleveland, and in my category last, but by no means least, is the name of JERRY PETTIS. Our University will sorely miss him in the months and years ahead.

A few minutes back I told you of the one thing JERRY said he hoped to be remembered for. With your suffrance let me tell you now of a few words of mine to JERRY PETTIS some ten years ago which in light of developments since then now constitute a high point in my many years of life.

The first time JERRY ran for Congress he was defeated. When I heard the news in the evening of that November election night I was very disappointed. I was about to go off to bed with a heavy heart when suddenly I found myself not heading for the bedroom, but instead to my study and to my typewriter. In a minute or so I found myself writing JERRY a letter urging him to run again two years hence. I gave him two chapters out of my life story, the year 1936 chapter and the year 1938 chapter.

I told him that in 1936 I aspired to be the very first Adventist ever to be elected to the Congress. I won the Republican nomination in the primary very handily. For the November general election I was amply supplied with funds from men such as ex-president Herbert Hoover, Samuel F. B. Morse, of the Del Monte Properties Corporation, and others of the 8th California Congressional District which then was made up of the five counties directly south of San Francisco City and County. I told JERRY of the very active campaign I put on for seven months and of my hopes of attaining a seat in the Federal Legislature. I also told him of my narrow defeat in November, owing to the national landslide for FDR wherein he won 46 out of the 48 states.

After that recital I told JERRY I made the mistake of my life in 1938 when I turned down the importunities of Republican leaders and offers of plenteous campaign monies if I would allow my name to be put in nomination. The defeat two years before had wounded my pride and ego so much I was afraid of the risk.

Another young chap was nominated and elected, serving 14 years in the Congress, then retiring to look after his deceased father's farms and orchards.

I besought JERRY not to repeat my mistake of 30 years before. He took my advice, was elected and re-elected three times more, and undoubtedly could have served in Congress many more terms were it not for the tragedy last Friday morning in the murky weather high on a mountain above Banning.

Four weeks to the day before JERRY's passing the Pettises had invited Mrs. Baker and me down to their lovely home and ranch on the slopes of

Mt. Palomar overlooking the beautiful Pauma Valley with Oceanside and the blue Pacific on their western horizon. JERRY took me via four-wheel-drive jeep through his 100 acre citrus and avocado groves. In all my 76 years of living in California have I ever seen a more verdant, thriving, and productive citrus and avocado grove than on the Pettis ranch. To my surprise and amazement I discovered a phase of JERRY's multifaceted interests and abilities I had not known before. JERRY had been a very skilled, scientific horticulturist for years; so skilled, so innovative and so creative in citri-culture that every year the professors at U.C.R. (University of California at Riverside, formerly a college founded for the express purpose of developing and scientific study of the citrus industry in Southern California) bring their students down to the Pettis ranch to see the great contributions PETTIS has made to the growing of oranges, lemons, grapefruit, tangerines and tangelos. In my estimation JERRY PETTIS is California's modern day Luther Burbank.

As JERRY and I stood on the porch of his ranch house that Friday evening and watching the golden sun sink into the waters of the Pacific beyond Catalina, JERRY said to me, "Shirley and I have built this home and developed these orchards so we may have a place to retire to some day; a home far, far away and sequestered from the busy, high-pressure life a Congressman and his wife lead. This is to be our haven of rest after a few more years in Washington."

Because of the inexplicable tragedy of last Friday that roseate future is not to be; at least, as of now. But it will be some day, of that I am sure! Here are the words of Isaiah, one of the greatest of the Bible prophets, when he foresaw the time when a new earth is to be: "In that day," said Isaiah, "They shall build houses, and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them; They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; they will not labor in vain nor bring forth for calamity for my people, mine elect, says Jehovah of Hosts, shall for eternity enjoy the work of their hands."

Another with prophetic prescience, Ellen White, living in the early years of our 20th century, has written: "In the earth made new the Redeemed shall live the Eden life in garden and field." Our beloved JERRY will be right at home in the Edenic environment!

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LIFE SKETCH JERRY L. PETTIS

(By Kenneth H. Wood, Review and Herald)

It requires the perspective of time to provide an accurate evaluation of the life of a man, and to assign him his place in history; yet even now, surrounded as we are by the dark cloud of tragic death and sorrow, it is possible to see through that cloud to the clear realization that JERRY L. PETTIS was a great and good man. He was great in his pursuit of achievement, in his enormous vision of what could be accomplished, in his capabilities and talents. He was good in his devotion to his family, to his home, to his church, and to his

country. He was a man of sterling character, devoted to worthwhile causes, to furthering the welfare of all the people whom he served.

He was, by birth, a Westerner, shaped by the vast deserts and plains and towering mountains. His thinking was influenced by the adventure and restlessness and broad scope of opportunity which characterizes that area. Born in Phoenix, Arizona, on July 18, 1916, he fitted well the poetic appeal:

"Bring me men to match my mountains,
Bring me men to match my plains,
Men with empires in their purpose
And new eras in their brains."

He carried within himself the vital motivation for achievement which culminated in his great contribution to his country, for he was not born to wealth and ease. Throughout his early life, his education in Seventh-day Adventist parochial schools was financed almost entirely by his own efforts and this at a time when the United States was still deep in the aftermath of the Great Depression. These school years firmed and crystallized his belief in the message of his church and caused him thereafter always to regard himself as, first of all, a Seventh-day Adventist, everywhere and in all circumstances.

His college years, at Pacific Union College, about 50 miles north of San Francisco, were years of growth and development. Classmates recall that many times he worked most of the night, slept two or three hours, then attended his classes. Ever a natural leader, he became a keen student of human nature; he came to understand the needs and hopes and desires of others. He sensed the basic loneliness of the human being. This understanding and genuine interest in others resulted in his being elected to most of the major offices on his college campus, including the presidency of his senior class in 1938. One of his classmates, a close friend for 41 years, commented recently: "There was something about JERRY, a special quality, a charisma, a singleness of purpose, a clear definition of goals which, young as we were then, we all recognized. We expected him to rise to great heights—so that, when he did, it was almost as though it had been preordained."

Always a most persuasive and effective speaker, JERRY became student assistant in the Speech Department of Pacific Union College to the late, distinguished professor, Dr. Charles E. Weniger. Their friendship was close and enduring, terminated only by the death of the latter.

After college graduation, JERRY's love for the broad deserts of Arizona brought him back there as a ministerial intern. Tirelessly he criss-crossed his assigned territory, bringing God's message eloquently to all who would listen.

His penchant for overwork at one time caused his conference president to order him to take a month off, free from all platform activity. Immediately thereafter he resumed his evangelistic work.

His eloquence and superior talents soon attracted the attention of the leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He was asked to conduct evangelistic meetings in Kansas City, Mo., where he was ordained to the gospel ministry. In an era when youth was not looked upon favorably for leadership posts, JERRY's achievement was all the more remarkable.

It is said that one characteristic of a truly superior person is his broad spectrum of interests. By this standard, JERRY PETTIS was truly superior. Time after time he entered a new and completely different professional field, stayed in it as long as was necessary to make a brilliant success, then fastened his eyes and energies on a new goal.

His speaking skills so impressed the administration of Union College, in Lincoln, Nebr., that he was invited to join the faculty as a member of the Speech Department. This new challenge drew him inexorably, but he did not depend entirely on his intrinsic capabilities; he recognized that the world of academia had its own standards, so he put himself under a heavy study schedule at the University of Denver and earned his Master's Degree. Later he took further advanced work at the University of Southern California.

In addition to his professional interests during his early years, JERRY had become convinced that aviation, then somewhat in its infancy, would eventually become the most important means of transportation in the world, as well as one of the military and economic factors which would decide national superiority. During his college years, he had been fascinated by a small open cockpit plane which a friend owned. He flew as a passenger in this craft at every opportunity. Later, in Arizona, he took flying lessons and obtained his first license, to the amazement of his less visionary friends and colleagues. True to form, he continued his lessons and skills until he secured his commercial pilot's license. At the time of his death, he was the only member of the House of Representatives to hold such a license.

It was almost as though he had foreseen World War II and had known that flight instructors would be vital to the war effort of the United States, for he filled this role as well as that of an Air Transport Command Pilot in the Pacific theater during the war years. College classmates in far-flung corners of the earth in various types of service for church and country sometimes looked up and there was JERRY, having just brought in a transport plane to Guam, or Fiji, or New Guinea. On one flight to Shanghai, China, he made it a point to visit the Shanghai Sanitarium, operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, which he had heard so much about from close friends who had grown up as missionaries' children there.

His marriage to the former Shirley McCumber, marked the beginning of one of the most brilliantly successful husband and wife teams on the American scene. Shirley fully understood when she married him that her life would be one of intensity, of pressure, and of conquering "the hill beyond the hill beyond the hill." Her complete devotion and supportive attitude sustained JERRY through the remainder of his life, a life which took on ever larger dimensions.

From 1948–60 he was a special assistant to the president of United Air Lines. Then a new horizon beckoned, and he entered the world of business. Applying his tireless energy and ambition in this field, he founded the Magnetic Tape Duplicators—the world's largest user and duplicator of magnetic tape. He also established the Audio Digest Foundation, a non-profit organization furnishing monthly education tapes to physicians to keep them abreast of new developments in their field. Foundation earnings are held in a trust fund and are used to provide scholarships for needy medical students throughout the United States.

During this period he accepted the post of Executive Secretary of the California Medical Association. His expertise in the field of medicine and health care served him later in good stead in his political life.

While devoting his efforts to the business world, he continued his interest in education, and from 1948–64 served as a professor of economics at Loma Linda University in Southeastern California. From 1960–64 he was vice president of this institution in charge of development, and from 1960–67 he was chairman of the board of counsellors. He played a key role in funding and building the $25 million Loma Linda University Medical Center. The new $71 million, 550-bed Veterans' Hospital in Loma Linda is also being built as a direct result of his efforts both in and out of the Congress.

With so many worlds conquered, he looked about him much as Tennyson's "Ulysses" did:

> "I am a part of all that I have met;
> Yet all experience is an arch wherethro'
> Gleams that untravell'd world whose margin fades
> Forever and forever when I move.
> How dull it is to pause, to make an end,
> To rust unburnish'd, not to shine in use!
> As though to breathe were life!
> Life piled on life were all too little . . ."

The world of the political arena now engaged his interest and ambition. Nurtured in an age when patriotism and service to one's country were considered cardinal virtues, he had always been an interested spectator of the political scene. Now having made his decision to run for the House of Representatives from California's 33d district, he was elected to the 90th Congress on November 8, 1966. Subsequently, he was reelected to the 91st, the 92d, the 93d, and last November, the 94th Congress.

He was a member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee, which writes the laws on all personal and corporate taxes, Social Security and related health care programs, trade and tariff regulations and other vital areas. Since joining the Committee, Congressman Pettis had helped to author comprehensive welfare reforms, Social Security increases totaling 15 percent, middle-income oriented tax reforms, to airport and airways funding regulations, new trade agreements and a revenue-sharing plan designed to help states and localities.

In the 94th Congress, he had been appointed chief minority deputy whip. As the third most senior Republican on the Ways and Means Committee, he was the Ranking Republican on the Subcommittee on Health; he also served on the Trade and Oversight Subcommittees.

Congressman Pettis also served on the special Congressional Task Force on National Health, and was a member of the Earth Resources and Population Task Force. He was an advisor to the National Commission on Fire Prevention and Control and was a member of the Republican Congressional Policy Committee.

As an acknowledged expert in the health care field, the Congressman was in great demand as a speaker advocating new approaches to improve national health care delivery systems. His interest and background led to his recognized role as a strong advocate of improved educational programs.

The Christian Science Monitor honored him in its choice of outstanding Congressmen and he won the Watchdog of the Treasury Award for support of thrift in government spending, a 100 percent National Security Index rating put out by the American Security Council and numerous commendations for service and leadership in the Congress.

And so the curtain has fallen on a life filled with dedication and achievement. Was there one place, one spot which for him meant rest and tranquillity, easement from incessant work? There was such a place—his ranch home among his citrus and avocado groves in Southeastern California. There he and Shirley cherished precious peace and privacy. There he spent treasured hours with his children, Peter and Debbie, to whom he leaves the precious legacy of his desire for excellence.

At the time of his death, he was a member of the Loma Linda University Seventh-day Adventist Church. But when he was in Washington, D.C., he regularly attended the Capitol Memorial Church off Connecticut Avenue, the Sligo Church, the Takoma Park Church, or other suburban churches. He was a familiar sight to other worshippers, his Bible always with him.

JERRY L. PETTIS, a man for all seasons, a man to match mountains, died on February 14, 1975, at the age of 58. He awaits the call of his Saviour, in whom he believed and whom he served.

He leaves his beloved wife, Shirley; three children, Yvonne, Peter, and Debbie, and hosts of devoted friends from all parts of the world and all walks of life.

The world is richer for his having lived.

Mr. RUPPE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to say how appreciative I am for having this opportunity to join the Members present in the tribute we are expressing here this evening to JERRY PETTIS. I had the privilege and honor of coming to the 90th Congress with JERRY PETTIS. I remember him over the years as a good and loyal friend, as an individual who worked hard for this Congress and who worked hard for his district. Above all, he had boundless enthusiasm both for his work here and for his work in California.

It was mentioned here a few moments ago that he would be today the ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Health, of the Ways and Means Committee. I think it was recognized by many people here and throughout the United States that he was ideally suited for that responsibility, I would suggest that no one in the House of Representatives knew more about health and had more of an interest in it or had more of a background in doing things to help people, to further improve the health of mankind than did JERRY PETTIS.

One of the things that was expressed as a tribute to JERRY PETTIS in California just 2 weeks ago was the remembrance of the tremendous job he had done in developing a mass duplication mechanism

for medical tapes so that doctors could be brought up to date on the latest medical developments.

Not only was this the beginning of the Audio Digest Foundation, which has performed a tremendous service for doctors throughout the United States in bringing them up to date as far as the latest in medical technique and latest in medical technology is concerned, but more than that, JERRY PETTIS gave his rights to that Audio Digest innovation to the California Medical Association when he left that association, with the one single proviso that the rights and the moneys derived therefrom be used for the benefit of medical students in conducting or furthering their education in California.

As I understand it, since that time, through the Audio Digest Foundation, the California Medical Society has contributed literally millions of dollars to further the medical education of literally hundreds of students in California. Certainly this will be not only a tribute to JERRY, but it will also be used in furthering the education of these people.

This will be a living memory to a man who had no selfishness in him but who had, rather, a keen and everlasting generosity in his dealings with others.

Mr. Speaker, JERRY PETTIS for many of us, besides being an associate whom we admired and respected, was very much a friend and an individual with whom we were pleased to be associated on so many occasions.

It is really for that reason that I feel such a very personal loss for JERRY PETTIS, and on behalf of my wife Loret and our children, I would like to express to Shirley the great and deep appreciation we feel for having known the Pettis family and for having had so many good years together with them.

Mr. CONABLE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding so I may give testimony to the feelings I think we all share about our friend JERRY PETTIS.

Mr. Speaker, I sat next to JERRY PETTIS on the Ways and Means Committee. Since he was a fine man, he inevitably became one of my special friends. We are always prejudiced about our friends, Mr. Speaker, but no amount of prejudice could change the basic outline of JERRY PETTIS' character as it has been described here today. I shall not repeat the many nice things said about him, but this does not mean I in any way disagree.

I want to add one note about his personality, however. He was an unusual combination of tranquillity and activity. His tranquillity came from the inner peace of a deeply religious man who had never failed to achieve what he set out to do. His activity was that of a man always reaching out to serve, to understand, and to help.

I revere his memory, and I shall always derive strength from it, just as his body drew strength from his judgment while he was here. I am sure his family, to whom he must have been a tower of strength, will accept the gratitude that we all feel to them for having supported his service here. We all send our love to them, as well, at a time which must be even more difficult for them than it is for us.

Mr. BURGENER. Mr. Speaker, I would rather talk about JERRY PETTIS' life than about his death. I am sure we all would.

Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, February 13, I spent almost the entire day with JERRY PETTIS. We were jointly conducting a public hearing at the north shore of the Salton Sea, where our two congressional districts meet. I presided over the meeting in the morning, and JERRY presided in the afternoon. It was a long and grueling session, with some 30 to 40 witnesses giving testimony. The problem of excess salinity in the sea is a real and a serious one and the witnesses presented their strongly held convictions on the subject. Congressman PETTIS' good wife, Shirley was with him, as was often her custom, during this entire day.

I felt it a privilege to spend that last full day with JERRY PETTIS because he was no ordinary man. He was good to be with and somehow seemed to convey to his congressional colleagues that their work was more meaningful and their constituents needs could be better served by a little greater effort on the part of the elected representative. In short, he stimulated all who knew and worked with him to do a little better job.

I count among my most meaningful duties during my short time in this House, the opportunity to work closely with JERRY on problems of the constituents of our adjoining congressional districts. During the slightly more than 2 years I served with JERRY in this House, I was repeatedly impressed by the uniformly high regard for him among all of our colleagues. He was, without doubt, what the Rev. Ray Blakely said in a touching article following his death, a man who cared. He cared deeply for the people he served and he served them well. I know that my colleagues would be interested in the article by Reverend Blakely and I include it at this point in the Record:

[From the Victorville (Calif.) Daily Press, Feb. 21, 1975]

Straight in the Desert: From the Hills Above Banning

(By Rev. Ray Blakely)

They stopped the presses last Friday to get the last word in: A small plane piloted by Rep. Jerry L. Pettis, R-Loma Linda, is missing between Palm Springs and San Bernardino.

Even as the presses rolled again, and the papers went out through Victor Valley, the bad news continued to roll in. The terrible fact became more impossible to reject: Jerry Pettis, one of the finer, more experienced pilots around, has died in hills above Banning, the apparent victim of a howling canyon wind.

There have been many eulogies. There will be more—thousands of words put down in the Congressional Record, each word well-deserved. With the eulogies, a question:

When my turn comes or your turn comes, will they stop the presses as we did for Pettis?

Or will the presses roll and time roll on just as though we'd never checked out at all—or even checked in?

If you're like me, you'll find it considerably more comfortable to leave that question entirely rhetorical for now, further comforting yourself with the religiously valid observation that there are at least a millon things immeasurably more important than fame (all of them summed up in one four-letter word from I Corinthians 13) and perhaps even entertaining, despite the steady toll of years, the fond if foolish determination to leave your name somewhere (in whatever few remain) on something besides a tombstone.

So, if you're at all like me, lots of days roll by which you more or less take for granted. Then something like the Pettis crash happens.

"It gives you a sort of weird feeling," I told the office at large as I left for home. "The sheer accident. Pettis is dead, and you're still alive."

Outside, you breathe in deep and then exhale pure gratitude which, for one brief moment, disperses shock and sadness. This is one day, this Valentine's Day, 1975, which you can't just take for granted.

Your own life, somehow continuing with death at every corner, is more miraculous than you can ever say. You drive very carefully home, plop still stunned before the tube, hear it blasting the now-certain news.

Why should it hit you so? Like a member of the family! You're a hard-nosed, thick-skinned newsman, remember? You've written fatal accident stories by the dozen. You've even photographed the mangled bodies and never felt like this. (Newsmen, like doctors, morticians, and ministers, learn to operate at one remove, sometimes at least, from human impact—or they neither do their jobs nor survive.)

Maybe it was that 30 minutes in a small room at Barstow's Holiday Inn half a dozen years ago when you were a general assignment reporter for the Desert Dispatch.

It was your first stab at California journalism, and you wanted to do well, so you listened closely to every word. Funny, you can't remember a thing said now. You can't even remember the subject. The closest you can come is

that maybe it was that flap about possible closure of Marine Corps Supply center; or maybe, related to that, it was the need for overall economic development of the city.

He had spoken to the chamber of commerce, and he huddled with the press afterward in those smaller quarters. Your basic impression wasn't changed: Here was a realistic, skillful politician, if there ever was one.

But from that closer view, that only slightly more intimate talk, you began to suspect that maybe, just maybe, here was something more. Judged by the usually superficial yardstick of labels alone (and even, at times, by the more accurate yardstick of actions and votes on some matters of consequence), you stood at different poles both religiously and politically.

So you watched this man over the years and were amazed that he was so frequently available for the watching. Your suspicion grew that maybe, just maybe, this guy really did care about more than the honor, the dignity, the prestige of a Washington office.

Good Lord! What if he was for real?

Heaven wasn't on your beat then, so maybe that's why you became convinced on different, almost entirely observable, grounds that PETTIS' "something more" was two simple words.

He cared.

But Monday's Daily Press story of PETTIS' death gave the game away. It wasn't quite that simple. The story added four more words, and then you were sure. He cared, at least in part, because he was:

"A deeply religious man * * *"

The story added at last one other small bit to what you already knew for sure: "PETTIS was the only Seventh-day Adventist in Congress." And that denomination's record in this caring business (much as some of us might disagree with its fundamentalism) argues strongly that PETTIS' unusual energy in that enterprise was in large part religiously motivated.

His death came as cruel deprivation to his family, friends, and constituents (and I was not the only newsman to feel the impact). But its occurrence in the process of contacting constituents could not have been more characteristic of the man most of us knew, at least a little bit.

Just as it would be impossible to discuss Picasso with no actual reference to art, it seems equally impossible to drive home the strictly religious point of this column without some small example from politics, the field in which PETTIS most publicly practiced his religion.

A Tuesday night phone call informed me that members of the Victor Valley College first-year respiratory therapy class, still clinging to some small hope for VVC-provided transportation to clinical training despite the previous Tuesday's governing board denial, had just 1 week later given way to complete and total despondence.

They'd written to PETTIS the Tuesday of the board meeting a report of recent events and a request for action on their behalf. Then came the crash; and their hopes, they said, died with the congressman.

It's only a ready example (and no argument at all for either side in the already settled issue), but it brings out quite sharply, I hope, the specifically religious point of this whole column, the point for which even idealization has been risked a little, if not (I stoutly maintain) indulged in:

Maybe the presses won't stop when this reporter bites the dust, and most likely time will roll on when you roll out. But maybe, just maybe, it will be enough if somebody somewhere has seen in us "something more."

Mr. McEWEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and for giving to me the opportunity to express the grief that I share with others here today on the loss of JERRY PETTIS.

Here in the Congress we all know that we meet and get to know our colleagues in many places and in many ways, here in the Chamber, in the cloakroom, maybe on the paddle ball court, maybe over meals; and in all of these places I knew JERRY, but most of all I think in the mornings on some of the quiet times we may have here or relatively quiet times.

I daresay, Mr. Speaker, on 2 or 3 days every week JERRY PETTIS and I had breakfast, and it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience always.

As my colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. Conable), said, he was a remarkable combination of tranquillity and energy. He had a mind that was inquisitive and always active. I guess if one were looking to see if there was a way to build a better mousetrap, whatever it was, and if there was a better way, a more helpful way for people to do things, one would go to JERRY PETTIS.

Reference has been made here today to his Audio Digest interest. My colleague, the gentleman from Michigan, referred to it, and my colleague, the gentleman from New York, referred to it. I recall, Mr. Speaker, one morning at breakfast JERRY PETTIS told me how he had thought about the lack of eye time, as he described it, that so many of us face so that there is just not time to read all the things that we should read. He related how he thought that the medical profession would come high on that list and that it would be helpful to them to have the medical information out of the latest medical journals on a tape so that they could drive a car and listen to it or listen to it at home, put it on a recorder and listen to it as they relaxed.

Then he concluded. He mentioned that, I believe it was just before he came to Congress, some time ago, he had made this gift of his interest in Audio Digest to the California Medical Association for their medical scholarship program.

In JERRY's words, he said it had been "some help." He did not mention any figure, and I did not inquire as to the extent of his charity, but through others in the beautiful chapel of Loma Linda

University I found out, as we all did, how much that "some help" this modest, unassuming man had mentioned was.

As I recall it, Mr. Speaker, the person giving that eulogy said that it came to more than $10 million, and I think all of us thought that yes, it certainly had been "some help."

JERRY is missed by all of us, and to Shirley and his son and daughters I want to join in extending my deepest sympathy on their loss, which we share.

Mr. LAGOMARSINO. Mr. Speaker, as a comparative newcomer to Congress, I did not have the opportunity to know JERRY PETTIS as long, or as well, as many of my colleagues. However, since one did not have to know JERRY long in order to know his worth as a human being and as a Representative, I share the profound grief felt by Members of this, and past Congresses in which he served.

His untimely death deprived his constituency of a dedicated and respected representative; robbed his colleagues of a good friend; and tragically bereft his family of a husband and father. I know I speak for all here today in saying that we sincerely mourn his passing.

I need not reiterate the many accomplishments of JERRY PETTIS the inventor; JERRY PETTIS the educator; JERRY PETTIS the businessman; JERRY PETTIS the benefactor; and, JERRY PETTIS the public servant. He was a multifaceted man who offered his talents and capabilities in many fields. Here in the House of Representatives, his valuable and competent service marked him as an effective and well-respected legislator.

Above all he was one of the truly good guys.

I join with the Members of Congress, the California delegation, and his constituency in extending my deepest sympathy to Shirley and the Pettis family.

Mr. RUPPE. Mr. Speaker, I would just take this time to note for the benefit of my colleagues from Arizona that JERRY PETTIS actually was born and raised in Arizona. I think one of the more interesting aspects of his career and his lifetime really took place in that State, and in the area immediately next to Arizona, because I believe JERRY's first title might well have been "The Flying Parson." As a young Seventh-day Adventist JERRY used his airplane to travel from one part of Arizona to another, holding services in the morning, then perhaps one around noon at another location, and a third later in the afternoon after further flying. He traveled to the more remote

parts of Arizona and New Mexico. This I think was a most interesting facet of his very deeply felt religious beliefs. In fact, he at one time participated in the H. M. S. Richards program during those years, and it carried over, and at one time he was the announcer for the H. M. S. Richards program, and even his pilot, as well.

So, I think as we consider JERRY as a legislator, as a very successful businessman, as a philanthropist from California, that maybe we should consider, above all, that he really was a man of God. His earliest and perhaps in some respects his most exciting and meaningful days were those he spent as a preacher in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

I think that most of the aspects of JERRY's life are well known, but I think it is the fact that he was so deeply religious and had such firm religious beliefs that these were really the very cornerstone of the way he conducted his life and his activities here in the Capitol, and I am sure it was in many respects radiated to the people of California. I think that this is very well indicated by the vast crowd of people who turned out at Loma Linda to pay their respects to the memory of JERRY PETTIS, and the evidence of their presence showed the very deep respect they had for him, and for his family.

Mr. BOB WILSON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Michigan for his additional statements. I might also say that I too witnessed the tremendous crowd at the church, and I was most impressed at the number of people who were outside the church, because of no space being available for them, but still they were there outside in their own quietness, paying tribute to this great man.

Mr. MCFALL. Mr. Speaker, it is with sorrow that I rise to pay tribute to the memory of our departed colleague, my fellow member of the California delegation and my good friend JERRY PETTIS. The entire Nation is the poorer for his loss. I have respected his abilities and talents since he became a Member of Congress in 1967; my regard readily became friendship, particularly during our service together on the congressional delegation that visited China in 1973.

Before he entered the House, JERRY had already succeeded in a long series of endeavors, any one of which other individuals might have counted as their life's work. It is tragic to have a man of such vast experiences and talents taken from us in the critical times facing this Nation.

In World War II, JERRY was a flyer. After the war, he joined United Air Lines as a commercial pilot and rose to become special assistant to the president of United. During this time, he was also one of the early organizers of the Air Line Pilots Association, AFL–CIO.

Not content with his successes as a commercial flyer, JERRY PETTIS turned to teaching. He served as a professor of economics at Loma Linda University. While at the university, he found time to serve as vice president from 1960 to 1964 and as chairman of the board of councilors from 1960 to 1967.

On top of these careers in education and aviation, JERRY turned his ever active mind to the business world. He invented a magnetic tape duplicating device and, as a byproduct, created the firm Magnetic Tape Duplicators. He also founded a consultant firm for radio, television, and the motion picture industry. And, as we all know, JERRY loved nature and the out of doors. He was also an avocado and citrus rancher and used to smile about having the country's largest kumquat orchard.

JERRY PETTIS was always concerned about others. As a private citizen, JERRY provided the medical profession with a nonprofit organization that sold to doctors tapes of up-to-date medical research information. Quite in character for JERRY, the earnings from this endeavor were used to help needy medical students. After coming to Congress, JERRY continued this concern for the medical world by leading the effort to build the new medical center in Loma Linda.

JERRY's years in Congress were equally productive in other ways. He was a congressional adviser to the National Commission on Fire Protection and Control in 1970, and was proud of the legislation that grew out of that Commission. He sat on the House Space and Aeronautics Committee for several years. And in his years on the Ways and Means Committee, JERRY made a very valuable contribution to the work of the House, bringing to the committee his knowledge of economics, the business world, and the problems facing all individuals concerned with medical care. JERRY had just become the ranking minority member of the Subcommittee on Health. It is indeed a tragedy that JERRY PETTIS was taken from us just as his subcommittee is preparing to consider national health insurance, an area for which JERRY's background had ably prepared him.

I shall greatly miss JERRY PETTIS. During our trip to China, my wife and I developed a great affection for Shirley and JERRY. They

were a couple whose lives together expressed that quiet dignity that comes with a reverence for life. JERRY appreciated the deep spiritual bonds uniting all individuals. He possessed a flexible, open mind, a spirit of willingness, and a deep commitment to work for the betterment of our Nation.

JERRY PETTIS was a remarkable man, a man of great personal accomplishment and stature. Shirley and the children receive my greatest sympathy in his passing and my greatest admiration for his life of service.

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman from California for taking this time in tribute to our colleague, JERRY PETTIS. All who had the privilege of knowing him loved and respected him as a devout Christian, a great humanitarian, a gifted public servant, and as an American inventor, entrepreneur, and philanthropist whose story is an inspiration to all who love our country and cherish its way of life. I thank God for his life, his influence, his achievements, and his example. He will be greatly missed.

Mr. ICHORD. Mr. Speaker, it was with a deep sense of personal loss and sadness that I learned of the tragic death of JERRY PETTIS. Since he first came to Congress in 1966, JERRY had not only been a close personal friend of mine but also an outstanding legislator whose talents of compassion, good will, hard work, and excellence were a source of admiration and inspiration to many of his colleagues. JERRY's vigorous crusade for fiscal responsibility in governmental programs and his fine work on the House Ways and Means Committee were greatly appreciated by all of us and particularly his own constituents in California's 37th Congressional District. JERRY has now been called for a higher purpose, but his honors will long continue after him. As Cicero said:

> Nor, in truth, would the honours of illustrious men continue after death, if their own spirits did not make us preserve a longer remembrance of them.

JERRY was a man and legislator of such spirit, and his presence will be sorely missed. I join with JERRY's many friends in this body in extending my heartfelt sympathy to his family.

Mr. MOSS. Mr. Speaker, in the quiet of the evening, the loss of our colleague, JERRY PETTIS, comes particularly hard. He was a man of great ability and great achievement. In his time, he tasted war and

victory in war. He was a pilot in a time which honored those who could navigate the air most of all. He was a legislator; a legislator who came to the Congress to give as he had received. Such a one was taken from us in an apparently senseless air accident.

The country has lost a man who had much left to contribute. This alone would be sufficient to validate this solemn convocation. There is a greater loss, however. JERRY represented in his life our own best vision of ourselves, energetic, courageous, loving, and creative. He had a bedrock faith in the ability of intelligence and good will to solve apparently intractable problems. In his time in the House, his faith strengthened that of all of us. His passing leaves us not only with one less capable man but with our spirit diminished. For this reason, his loss has been a personal one for me. At this time, memory is our best defense against melancholy. Carla Roberts summed my feeling when she wrote:

> Remember his smiles easily won
> Remember his time shone in the sun
> Remember how great beauty brought him tears
> Remember that he loved us many years.

I and the other members of the California delegation will so remember our colleague, JERRY PETTIS.

Mr. McCLORY. Mr. Speaker, in paying final tribute to our colleague, JERRY PETTIS, Congressman from the 37th District of California, one cannot help but acknowledge the complete devotion to worthy and humane causes which characterized the personal and public life of this honored citizen of our land.

In addition to my personal relationship with JERRY PETTIS as a fellow Member of Congress, my wife, Doris, and I came to regard JERRY and his devoted wife, Shirley, as good friends who were representatives not only of their constituency in California—but truly representative of the best in terms of high principles and winning personality which our Nation can produce.

Mr. Speaker, the leadership which JERRY PETTIS demonstrated as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives is evidenced by his membership on the Ways and Means Committee as well as on the Republican Policy Committee and in other positions of party and public leadership.

An articulate and persuasive spokesman on major issues affecting our Nation's welfare, JERRY PETTIS never boasted of his personal efforts to benefit his fellow man. Still, it is known that by his con-

tributions to his church, the Seventh-day Adventist, as well as in his assistance to many young and deserving individuals aspiring to professional careers in the field of medicine—JERRY PETTIS was a substantial benefactor.

Mr. Speaker, his contributions to responsible legislation were evidenced during JERRY PETTIS' congressional career in various measures recommended by the House Ways and Means Committee—measures affecting tax reform, social security programs, tariffs, trade, and other social welfare and revenue-related issues. In addition, JERRY PETTIS was instrumental in authorizing legislation dealing with drug addiction and rehabilitation, educational bills, airport and air traffic legislation, and various other congressional programs in which he possessed expertise.

Mr. Speaker, Congressman JERRY PETTIS' contributions will endure throughout all time. He has left an indelible record in the pages of our congressional history. The truly sad aspect of this tribute is that JERRY PETTIS lost his life in a tragic plane accident on Friday, February 14, 1975.

I join his many other friends in the Congress in mourning his untimely death. My wife, Doris, joins in extending to his wife, Shirley, and his three children, Yvonne, Peter, and Deborah, our deep compassion and affection.

Mr. MAHON, Mr. Speaker, I want to join with others in the House in paying tribute to the memory of our late colleague, the Honorable JERRY PETTIS of California, who died so tragically earlier this month. I had a profound respect for JERRY and considered him a truly outstanding legislator. JERRY was a great credit to his district, State, and the U.S. Congress, and he will be sorely missed. He leaves a rich legacy of accomplishment in behalf of his fellow man.

I join in mourning the passing of this great American and in expressing my sympathy to the loved ones he left behind.

Mr. EDWARDS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow and deep regret that I join with the others here on the House floor today to pay tribute to our late colleague and dear friend, JERRY PETTIS.

I was shocked when I learned of his untimely death and I want to extend my heartfelt sympathy to JERRY's wife and family.

JERRY was an outstanding legislator and his service to his constituency and his fine contribution to this country will certainly be missed.

His charity, his faith, his devotion to his God and family were an inspiration to all of us. It can be truly said that JERRY PETTIS was an outstanding man who was great because he was more concerned for his fellow man than himself.

His years in the House were short, but our fond recollections of JERRY PETTIS shall be long lasting.

Mr. THONE. Mr. Speaker, I have been a great admirer of the work of Representative JERRY PETTIS in the House of Representatives. Others have testified more eloquently than I could as to his effectiveness as a Congressman.

Since JERRY PETTIS once served as a college instructor in Nebraska in the district I represent, I would like to pay tribute to his contributions there. During the school year 1941–42, JERRY PETTIS was the pastor of a Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kansas City, Mo., and also a part-time instructor at Union College in Lincoln, Nebr. He commuted in his own plane. During the school year 1942–43, he was a full-time instructor at this Seventh-day Adventist institution of higher education.

JERRY PETTIS and I were not acquainted during those years. In recent months, however, we visited several times about those days. And we visited about his 1971 return to Union College to give the commencement address. In 1975, he was still interested in the progress of Lincoln and talked about how he enjoyed living there. In 1975, he was still keeping up to date with the growth and development of Union College.

At Union College, JERRY PETTIS taught courses in rhetoric, parliamentary procedure and oral interpretation. Several alumni of those classes are working today in communication departments of universities. One of them, Dr. Jerry Lien of Southern Missionary College of Collegedale, Tenn., described JERRY PETTIS as "one of the most outstanding teachers of speech—his teaching was characterized by inspiration and practicality."

Five of those words provide a summation of the work of JERRY PETTIS as a Member of Congress: "Characterized by inspiration and practicality."

Mr. NIX. Mr. Speaker, it was with great sorrow that I learned of the sudden and tragic death of JERRY PETTIS, our distinguished

colleague from California. JERRY PETTIS was a dedicated and brilliant Member of Congress, and we shall miss his great contribution to the work of this House.

Most men only wish for themselves success in one chosen field or profession. JERRY PETTIS was one of those men who possess the talent and the capacity for hard work that leads to success in many fields. He was a successful businessman and rancher. He was a great leader in the field of aviation, being both an airline pilot and an airline executive. And he was also a professor of economics.

Fortunately for our country, JERRY PETTIS decided to put his great ability to work in the field of Government. He was in his fifth term in the House of Representatives when this tragic accident cut his life short. He was a conscientious and able legislator, who brought his great knowledge and experience to bear on the problems facing the Nation. He served with distinction on the Committee on Science and Astronautics and on the Committee on Ways and Means.

Finally, JERRY PETTIS was also a dedicated servant of his constituents, flying in his own airplane to the towns and cities in his farflung district. I know that he will be sorely missed by his constituents, as he will by his colleagues.

Those of us who have had the privilege of serving with him will remember him not only as a dedicated public servant, but as a fine and decent man and a good friend.

Mr. DERWINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying a special tribute to JERRY PETTIS, whose tragic and untimely passing has left an almost irreplaceable void in the House of Representatives. I personally felt a deep sense of loss on learning of JERRY'S death because I had worked closely with him on a number of international conferences in which he was a most effective spokesman for our country, its institutions, and its dynamic economic system.

JERRY PETTIS was a very devoted public servant and most diligent in the discharge of his congressional responsibilities. As a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, he carried his responsibilities with a sense of deep concern knowing that the committee's actions affect almost every American. He was an objective man, especially in analyzing the great issues before our country.

JERRY PETTIS was a man of compassion, good will, and foresight. He was a very fine religious individual and believed thoroughly in spiritual values as an important part of life. Many of us here noted the special human qualities of this distinguished gentleman which

were so readily apparent to all who shared his company. The absolute integrity of JERRY, in conjunction with his sensitivity to the needs of others, enabled him to command the complete respect of all of us in Congress.

JERRY was truly dedicated to public service, and lived up to the full measure of his responsibilities. He leaves rich memories for all of us in public office.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Derwinski joins me in expressing our most profound and heartfelt sympathy to his gracious and lovely wife, Shirley, and their three children, Yvonne, Peter, and Deborah.

Mr. ANDERSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment for a brief memorial to our late colleague, the Honorable JERRY L. PETTIS of California.

JERRY PETTIS' recent death in a tragic airplane accident was a tremendous loss which shall be deeply felt. It will be most deeply felt by his wife, Shirley, and his family, to whom I extend my sincere condolences.

The death of JERRY PETTIS will also be felt by his colleagues in the House of Representatives, and by the people of his district, to whom he devoted the last 8 years of his life in unparalleled service and devoted representation in the Halls of Congress.

I believe many of my colleagues will agree with me when I say that it was an honor to serve with JERRY PETTIS. He was known to us as a man of tremendous ability and integrity, a man who was honest in his convictions and who never shied away from his responsibilities.

JERRY's untimely death cut short a distinguished career of 8 years in Congress. Before he entered public life, JERRY PETTIS had already led a productive and successful life. A pilot during World War II, JERRY served as a commercial pilot for United Air Lines. He was a successful businessman. He was an educator, serving as an economics professor at Loma Linda University, a campus which he helped to build. He was a successful inventor. A deeply religious man, JERRY PETTIS was a minister of the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

JERRY PETTIS was a successful man long before he came to Congress, and his success carried on during his tenure in the House. His service on the Ways and Means Committee was particularly outstanding. The record of personal service and the reputation he leaves behind will serve as examples for all of us to strive to attain.

Mr. Speaker, JERRY PETTIS' death was a tragic event, and my wife, Lee, joins me in sending our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Shirley, and their children, Peter, Deborah, and Yvonne.

Mr. WAGGONNER. Mr. Speaker, our beloved and respected colleague, JERRY PETTIS of California, was the kind of man who enriched the lives of those who were privileged to have known him. His untimely and tragic death is indeed an occasion of sadness at the loss of this wonderful friend and esteemed legislator.

His time of service to this Congress was all too short, but his life of service to his country, his community, and humanity was long, indeed.

It was a privilege for me to have served with him in numerous capacities here in Congress. We worked together on the Science and Astronautics Committee. We served together on the Ways and Means Committee and on the Health Subcommittee. In each endeavor, JERRY PETTIS drew on his rich and varied experience and background to serve the people of this country. He had prepared himself well for his role in Congress, and his legislative accomplishments are a credit to the people who elected him.

JERRY PETTIS was a good citizen, deeply involved in the task of bettering his community and the lives of the people he served. He played key roles in building two hospitals in his hometown to serve the medical needs of its citizens. He unselfishly used his talents as an inventor to assist in the education of needy medical students throughout the country, and to help doctors expand their knowledge of modern medical techniques.

As a citizen-soldier during World War II, JERRY PETTIS distinguished himself in the service of his country as a pilot in the Pacific theater.

He was successful as a businessman, rancher, and educator.

A deeply religious man, JERRY PETTIS was instrumental in the founding of Loma Linda University by his church, where he later taught economics and served in the administration.

All these qualities, coupled with a deep sense of personal humility, added up to a total life of service, worthy of admiration and respect.

At this time, we mourn too with his wife, Shirley, and their three children. Theirs is the greatest loss, because theirs was a close family. Our prayers are with them.

We have lost an honorable friend, a trusted colleague, and a great American.

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, when the plane piloted by our colleague, JERRY L. PETTIS, crashed in the mountains of California, Congress and the Nation lost a valued friend. As one who had come to know JERRY PETTIS, not just as a competent legislator but also as a personal friend, his death comes as a tremendous blow and my heart goes out, in sympathy, to his wife, Shirley, his children, and the rest of his family. He will certainly be missed.

It is almost ironic that JERRY PETTIS should have died in a plane crash. For 35 years he had been flying airplanes, as a search and rescue pilot for the Colorado Civil Air Patrol, as an air transport command pilot during World War II, as a commercial airline pilot before coming to Congress, and lastly, as his own pilot, in order to better serve his congressional district. His dedication to flying, and the contributions he made to the country by his efforts in the field of aviation, were typical of JERRY PETTIS' whole attitude toward life. He strove to excel, to accomplish, and to contribute, and, in retrospect, it must be said that he did all three exceedingly well.

While not a man to brag, JERRY PETTIS was far more than an aviator turned legislator. Before coming to Congress just 8 short years ago, JERRY PETTIS had been a successful inventor, electronic media and motion picture consultant, economics professor, and businessman. In addition, he was a very strong religious and family man, a man who knew the meaning of the word "responsibility" and a man willing to shoulder its burdens.

As others have said, JERRY PETTIS ran for Congress, not for reasons of personal gratification, but in order to contribute his years of experience and expertise in a wide variety of fields in the hope of making America a better place to live. He knew the value, from both a practical and theoretical standpoint, of the free enterprise system and he believed in the values that have made this Nation great. And even more important, he was willing to make the sacrifices necessary to put his beliefs to work here in the Halls of Congress.

Everyone who worked with JERRY PETTIS knew how hard he worked and how disciplined he was. When something needed doing he was there to do it, whether it be here in Washington or back in his district.

Each Congress presents its share of challenges and opportunities, but one of the opportunities I was really looking forward to in the 94th Congress was working with JERRY PETTIS on the House Ways and Means Committee. During the few short weeks we did have to

work together, all the things I already knew about his dedication to principle and hard work were reinforced. In his own way, he was making an invaluable contribution to the workings of that committee and it will suffer from his absence.

It is not often one gets to meet, much less to know and work with, a man of the caliber of JERRY PETTIS. For those of us who have had that opportunity, we are thankful for it at the same time we mourn our loss: for those who were not fortunate, their loss is even greater. Congress and the United States will truly miss a real gentleman.

Mr. ADDABBO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in eulogizing our late colleague, the Honorable JERRY L. PETTIS of California, whose tragic passing shocked us all. I have known JERRY for many years and have admired his intelligence and practical experience which he combined to win the respect of Members on both sides of the aisle.

JERRY PETTIS was a leader among us in the House and he will be missed for his dedicated approach to the issues facing our Nation. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee he served the State of California and the Nation as an effective spokesman on crucial problems. As a former commercial pilot and a dedicated fellow member of Congressional Civil Air Patrol he brought to us a deep understanding of the importance of air safety together with a love of flying which, tragically and without warning, ended his outstanding career as a public servant.

It is impossible to express the sense of loss which we all feel; however, I do want to extend my sympathies to JERRY's lovely wife, Shirley, and the three Pettis children. We appreciate the all too brief period of time we had to know JERRY PETTIS as a Member of Congress and as a friend and we hope the memory of his years of active service to our country will sustain his family and friends in this time of sorrow.

Mr. MORGAN. Mr. Speaker, when I learned of JERRY's untimely death, I was filled with a deep sense of personal loss. Although he represented a district at the other end of the country from mine, we became friends, and I know that all of my colleagues share my feelings for this fine man and legislator.

JERRY's service on the Ways and Means Committee earned him the respect of all his colleagues. He was a source of wise counsel to

me, and his record of achievement before he entered this Chamber continued while he served in this House.

In 1973, my wife and I went to China with JERRY and his lovely wife, Shirley, and our friendship became even stronger. During that momentous trip, I know that our Chinese hosts observed and studied our group as closely as we studied them. JERRY and Shirley were valuable members of the delegation, and our hosts could easily observe the mutual affection among all of us. Mrs. Morgan and I extend our sympathies to Shirley and the family. We will miss him dearly.

Mr. LLOYD of California. Mr. Speaker, it is sad that tributes to such a great man as my good friend JERRY PETTIS come after he has passed on in such tragic circumstances. He was a great man, regardless of how one defines the term. Those of us fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to sit with him in the House of Representatives knew he was a Congressman's Congressman. He was thorough in his research and understanding of legislation, from the beginning of the legislative process to how enacted bills would affect the American people.

His unique grasp of economics was an invaluable asset to the Ways and Means Committee, as well as to the Congress and the Nation. To say that he will be missed does not come close to expressing the vacuum left by his departure.

Nor can it express the profound sense of loss felt by his wife, Shirley, and their fine children. I pray that the strong religious beliefs held dear by JERRY and his family will give them strength to endure.

Those Californians fortunate enough to have had JERRY as their Representative have also suffered a grievous loss. Not only was he a Congressman's Congressman, but he was a true Representative of his constituents.

Not only have JERRY's family, Congress, his constituents, and friends lost a great man, but the field of aviation has lost a best friend. JERRY and I shared in the comradeship of flying, and I know that there was no one more dedicated to air safety and aviation fellowship than JERRY PETTIS.

As I was flying back to Washington with the California delegation and the other honorable Congressmen who attended JERRY's funeral, I thought to myself that JERRY, if he could feel an emotion, was probably angry. Angry that he left so much undone, when the country needs his economic expertise, that he is unable to lend it.

His passing at the young age of 58 seems so tragically wasteful. He was so full of life, so enthusiastic about his work in Congress. I think it can be said that JERRY left us in the prime of his life. He made so many contributions, and he would have made so many more.

Although some 2 weeks have gone by since the tragic news of JERRY's accident, I still find it hard to believe that JERRY will not be available if I give him a call.

JERRY had so much to offer everyone. He was a distinguished educator, a faithful man of his church, a successful businessman, and an exemplary Congressman. He was an outstanding husband and father. And, no one could have a finer friend than JERRY PETTIS. To have known JERRY PETTIS was to have loved, respected, and admired him. I am glad to say that I knew JERRY PETTIS.

Mr. SEBELIUS. Mr. Speaker, I wish at this time to join my many colleagues in paying tribute to JERRY PETTIS.

I think I should state I did not know JERRY from a close personal standpoint or enjoy a relationship that would be described as being a "close friend." However, I believe the measure of a man can fairly be judged by those who observe and work with him as a colleague as well as those who enjoy the privilege of a close personal friendship.

In observing JERRY PETTIS in his work within this body, the following attributes will always be recalled in my memory. First, he was a religious man and his contributions and membership within the Congressional Prayer Breakfast were appreciated by all within this organization.

Second, I was always impressed by his dedication to his job. The people of the 37th District of California were truly fortunate to have as their Representative a man who was most serious in his intent, thorough, effective in his work, and admired by his colleagues.

I was especially struck by the comments made last February 17 by my colleague, the Honorable Robert Lagomarsino, when he spoke of the example of JERRY PETTIS. I would simply like to say JERRY's service within the House was exemplary in every respect and through self-reflections I believe we can all benefit from his example.

I remember well the times when I witnessed JERRY eating breakfast by himself in the House dining room getting organized and doing his homework for the coming day. I will miss him, and more importantly, we will all miss his fine example and the contributions he made in behalf of his constituency in California and our Nation.

Mr. DE LA GARZA. Mr. Speaker, JERRY PETTIS was no ordinary man. I knew him as a friend and highly esteemed colleague, a dedicated public servant who took his duties seriously. He was a credit to the California delegation, which can rightly pride itself on having so many distinguished Members.

Long before he became a member of the House, JERRY PETTIS had rendered outstanding service to his country as a flyer in World War II. He was an inventor of no little ability, a businessman, and an educator, and a fine human being.

He will be missed in the House. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Mr. CEDERBERG. Mr. Speaker, it is with the greatest sadness that I pay tribute to our recently departed colleague from California, JERRY PETTIS. Even now it is difficult to imagine his absence from the 94th Congress.

He was a man in his prime, who had accomplished so much and yet offered promise of so much more. A man of many abilities, he reached the heights of accomplishment as a businessman, educator, pilot, and finally as a Congressman. Just as his political career was blossoming, and he had attained a position of leadership within his party, he was overwhelmed by a freak act of nature.

Respected by all, JERRY PETTIS will be remembered for his astute political sense, his strong patriotic sentiments, his total dedication to the system of government which had provided him with so many prosperous opportunities, and his overwhelming desire to repay that system with totally committed and concerned public service. There can be no doubt that his motives were not selfish for he had attained every goal identified with success. His only fault would be that he tried to give so much of himself to all those and everything around him.

A wonderful family man, he leaves behind him a lovely wife, Shirley, and three beautiful children, Yvonne, Peter, and Deborah. To them all, Mrs. Cederberg and I extend our unbounded sympathy and we sincerely hope that the sorrow fostered by this tragedy will soon pass for them.

As for this body, we can best honor JERRY with our continued dedication to those ideals in which he believed and for which he struggled. Our actions, a memorial for all to see, will demonstrate our respect for the man, our commitment to his belief in an equal

representation for all interests, and our emulation of his constant striving for a better Congress.

I am sure that my colleagues from both sides of the aisle join me when I say that JERRY PETTIS will be sorely missed. The absence of his contribution to our proceedings will certainly be our loss but let us carry with us the memory of JERRY PETTIS—a man who would not want to be eulogized but only remembered as a hard-working colleague and a personal friend to all.

Mr. WYLIE. Mr. Speaker, the people of Southern California and the Nation have lost a true public servant with the recent death of Congressman JERRY L. PETTIS in the crash of his private plane.

JERRY's death was particularly grievous for me as we were both Members of the 90th Congress Club. Thus, it was in this context that JERRY and I became friends.

As others have already observed, JERRY PETTIS led a very diversified and exceptional life, both as a private citizen and public servant. In his last bid for reelection, JERRY won with a margin of 2 to 1, which certainly indicates his popularity and ability as Representative of the 37th District of California.

My wife, Marjorie, joins me in conveying our deepest and sincerest sympathies to Shirley during this most difficult period. Words cannot adequately reflect the deep loss we feel.

Mrs. BURKE of California. Mr. Speaker, those of us who knew and worked with JERRY PETTIS recognize his tragic death as a great loss to the country and the Congress. My deepest sympathies go out to his family who I hope will find comfort in the knowledge that JERRY PETTIS was an esteemed and respected Member of the House of Representatives.

The Nation has lost the services of an enormously thoughtful and industrious man. The breadth and depth of his interests were almost unique in the House. From personal knowledge, I know that JERRY was an aviator, an avid tennis player, a desert conservationist, an inventor, and a well-respected citrus/avocado rancher. I suspect, Mr. Speaker, he had many other areas of expertise that I knew nothing about.

JERRY's district was the 37th Congressional District of California. He was well-suited to represent the area for he had an abiding love for the desert of Southern California. Last year, JERRY sought to preserve our endangered desert areas by introducing the California Desert Protection Act.

JERRY was also very close to the people who lived in the large desert areas of the 37th District and he was particularly concerned about their lack of adequate medical facilities. The result of that concern is a new 550-bed VA hospital in Loma Linda. His tragic death has cut short the other plans he had for improving medical facilities in the district.

He was a great humanitarian, raising millions of dollars for scholarships, hospitals, and aid to the less fortunate.

Mr. Speaker, without question JERRY PETTIS' first love was public service. He was known as a hard-working dedicated lawmaker. The people of his district, California, and the Nation have lost a great statesman.

It was an honor to have known and served in the House of Representatives with a man of his stature.

Mr. BEVILL. Mr. Speaker, I was left with a deep sorrow upon learning of the tragic death of my dear friend and colleague, Congressman JERRY PETTIS.

My wife Lou and I had come to know, respect and admire JERRY and his lovely wife Shirley.

JERRY PETTIS was a fine person. A good father, an able businessman, he was in my judgment, one of the most able Members to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives. His energy, hard work, integrity, and sense of purpose will be greatly missed in this body.

I will always remember my association with JERRY and I will treasure the memories of our friendship.

Congressman PETTIS' dedication, sound judgment, and ability to look at problems in a reasonable and fair manner earned him the respect of his colleagues. He leaves behind an outstanding record of accomplishment.

Few men in public life have shown more understanding of the legislative process. For me, JERRY was an inspiring example of a dedicated public servant.

Mr. LEGGETT. Mr. Speaker, with sorrow I join my colleagues of the Congress in a brief farewell for the record to our fallen brother in the Congress, JERRY PETTIS.

JERRY graduated from the Pacific Union Adventist College, high in the clouds on a plateau overlooking the Napa Valley in 1938. He became a legend in the Congress even before his arrival in 1967. How could a plain airline pilot defeat an able incumbent Democrat in

the U.S. Congress? We soon found out—a man of calm demeanor but obvious strength. We soon discovered we had a man of creativity in our midst—not only an airline pilot, but a college professor of economics, an inventor of important magnetic tape duplication capability, an entrepreneur extraordinaire who apparently was more than successful in a number of private ventures, a search and rescue pilot, a World War II air transport command pilot, and as he stated many times "the largest kumquat grower in the West." JERRY brought all of these talents to Washington along with his beautiful wife, Shirley.

The House recognized his talents both in effecting his appointment to the Ways and Means Committee and in his election as deputy minority whip.

JERRY brought talent, devotion, and capability to the House of Representatives. I consider his death a personal tragedy and a tragedy for the people of the State of California. My wife, Barbara, and I extend our very best wishes to Shirley and the family in this time of personal crisis.

Mr. GUYER. Mr. Speaker, the tragic and untimely passing of JERRY PETTIS was an irreparable loss to all America. JERRY was one of the most unheralded Members of the Congress, yet one of its finest and most gifted sons.

His quiet and unpretentious manner shielded many from knowing the profundity of his dedication, devotion, and generosity to his community, his party, his church, and his country.

While not being privileged to know JERRY for a great period of time, it took little time to recognize that this man was one of the very few of our times who lived and loved what he esteemed and believed. Sealing his words with his deeds, JERRY PETTIS left a monument to memory in translating love into action. Truly he lived, he loved, and he understood. Such a man never dies. "Blessed are they who die in the Lord, and their works do follow them."

Mr. VIGORITO. Mr. Speaker, I share the sorrow and deep regret with my colleagues at the tragic death of a much respected and admired Member of Congress, JERRY PETTIS.

Congressman PETTIS gave 8 years of distinguished service in the House of Representatives to his people in Southern California. His outstanding congressional career followed many years of achievement as a businessman and educator in California. JERRY PETTIS was an exceptional public servant, a genial person, and a devoted family man. We in the Congress will all miss him.

Mr. LUJAN. Mr. Speaker, I am only one of many who will offer words of sorrow and praise for our colleague JERRY PETTIS, for he was respected and liked by all in this House.

And while we all feel a sense of sadness and loss at JERRY's untimely death, we should feel a definite uplifting of our spirits when we review the accomplishments of this man, not only in his years in Congress but throughout his life.

JERRY was a man of extraordinary ability who did more in 58 years than two or three men usually do. He was a man of the Earth, a rancher in the farmlands of Southern California. He was a man who served his country in the finest manner in the Second World War as a pilot. He was an inventor, the founder of companies, a college professor, and later the vice president of Loma Linda University.

He has been a commercial pilot and was the special assistant to the president of the United Air Lines when it was in its infancy. He served as a congressional advisor to the National Commission on Fire Prevention and Control. And, of course, he has served the State of California as a most able Congressman in the House of Representatives since his election in 1966 until the present.

But probably his greatest legacy is that he was a good husband, a fine father, and a friend to many of us. In this time of such hardship for JERRY's wife, Shirley, and his children, they hopefully will find comfort in knowing the respect and admiration his colleagues and peers had for JERRY. I personally have lost a good friend and I will miss him.

Mr. ANDREWS of North Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to join my many colleagues in expressing a deep sense of loss in the tragic death of JERRY PETTIS. Congress needs more men like JERRY.

He was a successful, practical businessman, and his approach to legislation was made on this basis.

He will be sorely missed on his Committee on Ways and Means and as deputy whip of my party and by the House as a whole. I shall miss him as a personal friend and a colleague whose counsel I trusted at all times.

Mr. COLLINS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, JERRY PETTIS was a great man. I considered JERRY to be the most competent Member of Congress. He was a self-made business capitalist. He built his business as a

pioneer in its field. In becoming a millionaire, he conceived ideas that were new and dynamic.

From his first days in business when he worked his way up through United Air Lines until he became assistant to the president, he developed keen insight into every phase of their industrial operation. I remember when I asked JERRY how he happened to evolve into that position. He said that he asked the president of United so many questions that the president called him in one day and said he wanted to make him his assistant so he could answer all the questions and save them both time.

The great thing about JERRY PETTIS was the fact that he not only asked questions, but that he analyzed down to the base of every issue and found all of the answers.

His knowledge of matters before the Ways and Means Committee was excelled by no one. But more than Congress, he had a feel for every town and every person in his district in California. California was represented with distinction in the five terms that JERRY PETTIS served.

JERRY was a great believer in education. He was the guiding father of Loma Linda University serving as chairman of its board from 1960 to 1967. His interest in this fine Christian college was its greatest source of strength.

JERRY PETTIS was highly respected. His knowledge of business, fiscal responsibility, legislative procedures, and day-to-day problems of the world gained the respect and admiration of all his colleagues. JERRY was successful because he worked hard and combined this energetic activity with his strong Christian character.

Dee and I extend our sincerest sympathy to his wife, Shirley, and their three lovely children. His sudden death was a shock to this country. But the achievements of JERRY PETTIS in Congress will be a memorial for all posterity. JERRY was a warm friend, and a man this country will always remember.

Mr. JOHNSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it was with profound grief that we all learned of the untimely death of Congressman JERRY L. PETTIS. JERRY was highly respected by all Members, and he was indeed one of the finest men in the Congress.

He was a kind, just, and courteous man who held strong religious convictions, and he was recognized as a hard-working and dedicated legislator. JERRY had a brilliant future ahead of him, which was cut short by his passing. As someone once said:

I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, JERRY will not pass this way again, but his good works will live long after him. Mrs. Johnson and I extend our deepest sympathies to Mrs. Pettis and the children at this great loss to our Nation.

Mr. McDADE. Mr. Speaker, this House has been greatly saddened by the loss of our colleague, JERRY PETTIS. He was an astonishing man. He was an inventor. He could have taken his talents as an inventor to make a staggering fortune for himself. He chose not to do so. When he pursued his ideas to the point of production of a new product, he gave away the profits from that product to the people of his district. When he conceived a new idea which could easily be translated into a new and profitable invention, he gave away the idea to someone in his community, so that his people would profit from his genius.

He was a minister of religion. He had such an enthusiasm for the spread of the word of God, that he flew his own plane into remote hamlets so that no one would be without the gospel he wished to bring to them.

He was an outstanding pilot. During the Second World War he flew transports over the most challenging air route in the world, the route known as "the Hump" in the Asiatic theater of war. He then became an airline pilot, and was the founder of the Airline Pilots Association. It is through that association that new and significant safety rules were developed for the safeguard, not only of the pilots, but of the millions of passengers who ride the airlines yearly.

He was a Congressman. He was a devoted, intelligent, and learned Congressman, who gave to his duties in Congress the same devotion and intensity he had given every other job he had ever undertaken.

His loss is a great loss to his people and his Nation. It is also a great personal loss to me. He was an outstanding man, a fine friend, and the sort of Congressman all of us might consider as a model of personal and professional excellence.

Mr. FREY. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in the Congress in expressing a deep sense of loss over the tragic and untimely death of the gentleman from the 37th District of California. It just does not seem right.

I have had the privilege of knowing JERRY ever since I came to Washington 6½ years ago. As everyone knows and recognizes, he was an outstanding Congressman. He did his job, he did it well, and he knew what he was doing. The personal side of JERRY PETTIS revealed a man who cared about other people and was not afraid to reach out and help. I had this happen to me personally. My district includes the Cape area where the space program is most important. When I first arrived and was appointed to the space committee, I found that I was unable to get on the Manned Space Flight Subcommittee. This was obviously a key to my survival. It seemed that a Congressman from California, a Mr. PETTIS, was on the subcommittee, outranked me, and wanted to stay on that particular subcommittee. One of the older Members suggested that the gentleman from California was quite an individual and why did not I go talk with him, explain my problem, and see if there was any way he could help. I frankly thought it was a hopeless mission, but I went over and did discuss it with JERRY. After listening for a while, he said:

Well, I really want to be on that committee but it makes a lot more sense for you to be and it would help you more.

And so, he removed himself from consideration and allowed me to go on that subcommittee.

That is just a small example of the wonderful human being and wonderful person for whom we had so much affection and respect. There is much more that could be said, yet words seem so inadequate. Our prayers, our thoughts, and sympathy are with his family. He has done much that will live forever. The Congress and this country are better for his being here.

Mr. COTTER. Mr. Speaker, it was with deep sadness that I learned of the untimely death of a friend and colleague, JERRY PETTIS. The late Representative was a much admired and well-liked man; we of the House, and especially his fellow members of the Ways and Means Committee, will miss him in the years ahead.

JERRY was a very successful man in many fields. After service in World War II, he embarked upon a career in civil aviation and also found time to teach at Loma Linda University in California. JERRY rose to become vice president of the university and chairman of its board of councilors. In 1967 he left the academic world to enter the 90th Congress.

During these years JERRY was also a successful rancher on the fertile land of his district. He was a determined man and found laudable achievement possible in more than one career. Like myself, he served first on the House Science and Astronautics Committee; and then on the Ways and Means Committee. JERRY brought his special abilities to each of these areas and again found success.

I extend my profound sympathies to the family of JERRY PETTIS. He was a good man and a good representative of the people in the House of Representatives.

Mr. FRASER. Mr. Speaker, the accident that resulted in the death of JERRY L. PETTIS took from us a hard-working and decent human being.

He was a man of broad experience, having pursued careers in agriculture, aviation, business, and education, the sort of person who has much to offer a representative body such as this House. And JERRY PETTIS not only had the capacity to be a good representative, he delivered on his promise.

His wife and children have lost a husband and father. We have lost a colleague. And because JERRY PETTIS gave full meaning to these relationships, there is no need to search for adjectives to describe them. He was a husband and a father and a colleague in the best and fullest sense of these words.

Mr. SARASIN. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues in expressing my deep sense of loss at the untimely and tragic death of Congressman JERRY PETTIS. My sympathy goes, of course, to his family, deprived of a fine husband and father. My sympathy also extends to his constituents, who have lost an able and dedicated representative, a man who exemplified the very finest tradition of public service.

While I only had the privilege of serving with JERRY for 2 short years, I came to know and respect him. He was an outstanding legislator and a great human being. There is little I can add to the many well-deserved tributes already voiced in this Chamber except to note that the House of Representatives and the entire country are poorer for the loss of JERRY PETTIS.

Mr. FORD of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues today in paying tribute to JERRY PETTIS. Like you and them, I was shocked and grieved to learn of his tragic, untimely death in an airplane crash.

Although we sat on different sides of the aisle, I found JERRY to be a fine gentleman and a sincere and dedicated Member of the House, always willing to consider all positions before making up his mind on an issue.

His death will be a great loss to his State and to this Congress, as well as to his family. I know that his wife and children take great comfort in knowing that he lived a full and satisfying life, and that he was held in highest esteem by all who knew him.

Mr. HORTON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with my fellow House Members in expressing profound sorrow over the death of our colleague, JERRY PETTIS. JERRY was a close friend of mine for whom I have the highest regard and affection. I valued his counsel as did all of us who knew JERRY as a man of high principle whose words could be trusted.

Few individuals have served in this Chamber with equal dedication. JERRY was a remarkably inventive and resourceful man and his death is a tragic loss to our country at a time when we need men of his wisdom and insight.

JERRY PETTIS excelled in every endeavor of his outstanding career and his memory can best be served by rededicating ourselves to his exemplary standards of public service.

Mr. REUSS. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked, as we all were, to hear of the recent plane crash which took the life of our colleague, Congressman JERRY L. PETTIS of California. All of us share in the sorrow at his tragic death.

His was a distinguished career—as a serviceman, an educator, a businessman, and a Member of Congress. Though we sat on different sides of the aisle, I always had the highest regard for his ability and energy, and I know that he served with diligence in the interests of his constituents in the 37th District of California.

JERRY PETTIS will be missed in this House. I know I speak for us all when I extend my sincere sympathy to his family.

Mr. NEDZI. Mr. Speaker, the tragic death of Congressman JERRY PETTIS was a heavy blow to his constituents, and to his many, many friends.

It is no exaggeration to add that his passing was also a heavy loss to the Nation.

JERRY PETTIS, a youthful-looking 58, had one of the most remarkable backgrounds in public life—pilot, inventor, businessman, educator, economist, and politician.

I knew JERRY PETTIS as a good Congressman, a good man, and a personal friend. Although we had our differences on partisan issues, I always felt that he was reasonable, and a man one could work with in confidence. Indeed, we first became friendly when we cosponsored legislation nearly a decade ago.

I should add that my staff shared my distress at JERRY PETTIS' death because they had come to know him in the informal Capitol Hill softball league. The Nedzi and Pettis teams frequently played against each other and JERRY was often in the lineup.

It is with real regret that we face the remainder of this session and future sessions without JERRY PETTIS in our congressional lineup.

I extend my sympathy to his wife and children.

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, throughout the almost constant partisan disagreements and the obvious differences that occur daily here in Congress, one still senses the camaraderie that exists among all Members of Congress, regardless of party lines, of special caucuses, of sex, of color of skin, of creed or any other difference. This camaraderie comes to feeling and mind most especially when one of those among us dies. And so it was that I was reminded of this special tie that binds us all when I learned of the death of the Honorable JERRY L. PETTIS, our colleague from the State of California.

This was indeed a tragic death in every sense of that word. For here was a man who was born to the sky, so to speak, and much of the importance of his life was expended in and because of the sky. Here was a man who had much more to offer this body of Government, and indeed this country, in service. Here was a man who died in the process of that service, at the fateful whim of his special place, the sky.

I happen to have had some experience with planes, as a ground crewman in the Marine Corps, and I have consequently had much experience with those who fly the planes. I have an empathy with what JERRY PETTIS felt about flying, and I find particular irony and tragedy in his death. Perhaps we might find some solace in the paraphrasing of this quotation, by Richard Bach, who himself flies and is the author of "Jonathan Livingstone Seagull": "The man sees farthest who flies highest." I would like to believe that JERRY PETTIS has achieved such sight and altitude, and I would pray that he has.

Mr. ABDNOR. Mr. Speaker, like all of the rest of you, I was stunned by the death of JERRY PETTIS, but the impact was even greater when, upon returning to Washington from South Dakota, I found that one of the last things JERRY had done before leaving for California was to write a letter, which was an unexpected personal favor for me. It was typically a thoughtful gesture on his part.

Those of us in the Congress are not only going to miss the special insights and consideration he gave to his legislative work, but we are going to miss his warm friendship even more. The tremendous personal example he set under all circumstances challenged all of us to try harder. For this we are grateful.

While many of us will be speaking many words in tribute to JERRY PETTIS, I would hope that some of those words will also serve to create a more fitting memorial. One of JERRY's finest efforts was designed to protect what remains of the great California Desert and the historical heritage it contains for all Americans. His renewed effort in this regard is embodied in H.R. 820.

Most of the land in the California Desert is public land, and there exists in this public land one of the largest and richest concentrations of prehistoric art in the world, Indian rock carvings known as petroglyphs. Some of them are thought to be at least 5,000 years old. Like the pyramids of ancient Egypt, these ancient carvings are being subjected to the plunder of souvenir hunters and the obliteration of vandals. They are even being pried away and carted off for sale as decorations. H.R. 820 will fill a gap in the present law and will give the Bureau of Land Management the authority it now lacks to protect the petroglyphs and the desert environment generally.

To further this work, I, together with Bob Wilson, have had H.R. 820 redrafted with the added provision that this area be named the Jerry Pettis National Conservation Area, and am reintroducing this measure today. I invite my colleagues to join in cosponsorship and to quickly complete the work we must do on this project which was so close to JERRY's heart.

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I join my colleagues in expressing the deep sense of loss we all feel at the death of our good friend, the Honorable JERRY L. PETTIS.

I had the honor and the pleasure of serving on the Ways and Means Committee with JERRY PETTIS and I know firsthand what a dedicated Representative he was. Not only will my committee suffer

the loss of this untiring, unselfish man, but the entire Nation will feel the void created by his untimely departure.

I not only had the privilege to serve on the Ways and Means Committee with JERRY, he was also the ranking minority member of my Subcommittee on Health. Our subcommittee had just begun to lay the organizational foundation on which we will construct a national health program and I was counting on JERRY's inspiration, energy, and insight throughout our deliberations.

Although we sat on different sides of the aisle, JERRY's synergetic approach was pervasive. I was also looking forward to his participation on my Subcommittee on Health because his real commitment was to mankind and not to just one small geographic area.

I once had the occasion to travel to Arizona with JERRY and it was on that trip that I realized what an absolutely warm and tender human being he was. I knew JERRY—the Washington legislator and statesman—not the Loma Linda Californian.

Last week, I had the privilege of being a member of the congressional delegation at JERRY's funeral. I was tremendously impressed by the love and admiration shown for him by his neighbors. I learned of his genius and his generosity.

I would like to extend to his wife and children my deepest sympathies.

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I had an opportunity to get to know Congressman JERRY PETTIS. He was a fine gentleman, and a very able Member of Congress. He enjoyed his work as a Congressman and took his responsibilities very seriously. He prided himself in studying and reasoning about the issues that we face. He effectively presented his argument and was widely respected by all those who knew him.

In addition to this, Mrs. Gibbons and I had an opportunity to be with JERRY and his wife Shirley on a number of occasions. We found them to be most interesting people, always exciting and concerned about their role in this life here in Washington. We shall always cherish our friendship with them. Together, we extend our love and sympathy to Shirley and to their children in the loss of JERRY.

Mr. SCHNEEBELI. Mr. Speaker, the quality of the 94th Congress has been diminished by the recent tragic death of our colleague, JERRY PETTIS. Word of his plane crash came as a harsh blow, since I had a deep sense of respect and admiration for JERRY—he was

indeed a lovable man—deeply committed to his lofty ideals. We shall miss JERRY and his warm personality very much.

JERRY was a member of our Ways and Means Committee for several years and it was most evident from his attention to his work there that he felt that it was in the Congress where he could return to his country, his thanks and gratitude through good and faithful work. It is well known that JERRY at one time was a traveling minister for his church and it was this deep sense of spiritual commitment which motivated his fine work here in the House of Representatives. I was among those who attended the funeral services for JERRY at Loma Linda, Calif., and the many thousands of his friends who were there testified to the love and great respect that his fellow townspeople had for him. It was an impressive group of fine people who came to say goodbye to their leader and friend.

JERRY's fine contributions to society before and during his services in the House have been recounted in the many eulogies being given to JERRY today—so I shall not repeat them. But I do underscore the tremendous help he has been to his fellow colleagues on our committee. He had just been chosen as the ranking Republican on the Subcommittee on Health of the Committee on Ways and Means, and he told many of us how he was looking forward with great enthusiasm to this particular assignment—a field in which he had already contributed over $10 million through his transfer of one of his many inventions to the California Medical Society. The country will suffer a great loss since JERRY will be unable to continue his work in the national approach on health problems.

JERRY's wife, Shirley, can be counted upon to carry on further, much of JERRY's unfulfilled dreams and she is to be encouraged and supported for her determination to carry his work forward.

We shall all miss JERRY very much—and this country has been diminished in its attempted attainment of its goals with his passing. Few men have ever held the position of high esteem in which he has been held these many years, and no man ever deserved it more than he.

Mr. JOHN L. BURTON. Mr. Speaker, in times of grief, words seem inadequate to properly convey the sorrow and bereavement which we feel at the passing of our friends, and share with their families.

The tragic death of my friend and colleague, JERRY PETTIS, has left a void in a world which benefited from his talents, and in the House of Representatives, which sought his abilities.

JERRY was elected to the House with a broad and varied background that stood him in good stead as he served on the Ways and Means Committee.

Prior to his election to Congress in 1966, he had been a flyer and instructor in World War II, an inventor, a businessman, an educator, and special assistant to the president of United Air Lines.

JERRY's service to his constituents, to his State, and to the Nation will not be forgotten. His contributions to his country will always be remembered.

I join with my colleagues in sending to JERRY's wife, Shirley, and their three children our heartfelt sympathy. We feel their loss, and share in their mourning.

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked and saddened to learn of the violent and tragic death of JERRY PETTIS.

I knew JERRY for the 2 years I have been in the House, and most recently I had the honor of serving with him on the Ways and Means Committee. While we often disagreed on issues, JERRY was always a patient, understanding man of total integrity—a man who despite our political disagreements, always had a larger human quality which bridged any partisan differences.

He was a serious and humble man, who never sought headlines or news for himself, and in fact reserved words for those matters which he felt critical. Yet he made valuable contributions in numerous areas, benefiting not only the State of California but indeed the entire Nation.

One of the foremost authorities in the Nation on air safety, JERRY PETTIS was the victim of a cruel irony which downed him and his small plane on Friday, the 14th of February. We will remember him for the fine man he was and for the commitment and dedication he showed to the House and to the people he served.

Mr. PHILLIP BURTON. Mr. Speaker, I want to express my deepest sympathy to the family of Congressman JERRY L. PETTIS and to his many close friends in the House of Representatives and elsewhere on the tragic death of our distinguished colleague.

A talented and versatile man, JERRY PETTIS brought a wealth of background and experience to his deliberations on issues before

the Congress. A former teacher, radio announcer, airline pilot, and corporation official, Congressman PETTIS achieved a deserved reputation as a widely respected Republican lawmaker.

Again, my sincerest condolences are extended to his many good friends and most particularly to his widow, to his son, and to his daughters on their great loss.

Mr. CORMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with the deepest sorrow that I join my colleagues today in paying tribute to the memory of my fellow Californian, JERRY PETTIS. My respect and affection for JERRY grew tremendously over the years we served together on the Ways and Means Committee. Whenever a problem arose in California, JERRY could be counted on to bring his broad knowledge as well as his finely-tuned sensitivity to the search for a solution. His varied background in business as well as in the academic world equipped him with the practical competence so necessary for astute legislative decisionmaking. His willingness to rise above partisanship in matters vital to the State and to the Nation made him a valuable working partner in the legislative process.

But my memories of JERRY encompass far more than a respect for his unique capabilities. His most memorable qualities were his ever-present gentleness and kindness. He was truly a man well-loved by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. JERRY will be sorely missed by the committee as well as by this entire body as a competent legislator, but mostly as a friend. My wife Patti joins me in extending our heartfelt sympathy and deep affection to Shirley and the children.

Mr. DANIELSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sorrow that we gather here today in recognition of the late JERRY L. PETTIS. All of us who shared this Chamber with him have experienced in some measure the loss which is felt by the people of California, and which is so deeply felt within his family circle—characterized by close and sensitive ties.

JERRY PETTIS was a man whose whole life was devoted to the betterment of mankind. As founder of Magnetic Tape Duplicators of Los Angeles, JERRY PETTIS used his knowledge to establish the Audio-Digest Foundation. This foundation has aided the medical profession through its efficient method of recordkeeping. Furthermore, all profits of this foundation are used to provide scholarships for medical students, and I am informed that $10 million has been realized for that purpose so far.

During World War II, JERRY PETTIS continued his service to his fellow man and his Nation. Drawing on his experience as a search and rescue pilot, he was assigned to the Air Transport Command in the Pacific Theater.

After the war, JERRY PETTIS took an active role in the development of our Nation's young people, as a professor of economics at Loma Linda University. His service to that university included the post of vice president for development and chairman of the board of councilors.

When JERRY PETTIS ran for Congress, he was not seeking a political post but rather he wished to serve his Nation once again. A deeply religious man, he served in this House as an example of fine moral, conscience, and principle. Throughout his life JERRY PETTIS was a man who, having benefited from our system, continually desired to serve the Nation he felt he owed so much. He gave of his energy and his ability so that other men's lives could be improved. This House was enriched by his presence and I deeply regret his passing. We all feel a loss that we are never going to be able to express adequately.

Mr. ROYBAL. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sorrow and regret that I join my colleagues today to eulogize Congressman JERRY L. PETTIS, who died so tragically in a plane crash earlier this month. This accident could not have come as more of a shock, as we all knew him to be an experienced aviator, who had been both a pilot and flight instructor during World War II.

It was almost 25 years ago when I first met JERRY. I was chairman of the public health and welfare committee of the Los Angeles City Council and JERRY was associated with White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles. We met on several occasions to plan and execute community health programs for the area. And it was with real pleasure that I welcomed JERRY as a colleague in the House, following his election in 1966.

JERRY was an excellent Congressman and he served his district and his country with dedication and commitment. These qualities were not new to JERRY, for to him it was a way of life. It was only natural that this extremely successful inventor, rancher, economics professor, and businessman should decide to direct his energy and abilities toward serving the Nation which had allowed him to achieve such a great measure of success in private enterprise. He had garnered an impressive array of accomplishments prior to coming to Congress

and his work in Washington was equally impressive. To all who knew him, it was clear that JERRY's future held only promise.

It is difficult to express the deep sense of personal loss that I feel today, for JERRY PETTIS was a friend and a highly respected and admired colleague. His death is a great loss not only to those of us who knew and loved him, but to the country which he is no longer able to serve.

My sincerest sympathy is extended to JERRY's widow, Shirley, and their three children, Yvonne, Peter, and Deborah.

Mr. VAN DEERLIN. Mr. Speaker, I join our colleagues in mourning the untimely death of JERRY PETTIS; he was both a close personal friend and a man of many parts—one whose accomplishments were manifold.

He was, first, one of the most respected Members of this body, and with reason. The ability and independence which were his hallmarks served him well in his key assignment on the Ways and Means Committee and earned him the high regard of colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

He was also an inventor of note, a successful businessman, an educator, an aviator, and a singular benefactor in the service of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its affiliated school, Loma Linda University, in Riverside County.

JERRY's district extended over vast portions of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, but we in San Diego County were almost able to call him one of our own, thanks to his ranch in our county's Pauma Valley, where he grew avocados and citrus at a higher elevation than orchardists anywhere else in the world.

I was terribly shocked by the news of JERRY's death, which came to me while I was in my district and was numbing because it was so unexpected—he was such a vibrant man. The deepest sympathies of Mrs. Van Deerlin and myself go to his widow, Shirley, and their children, Yvonne, Peter, and Deborah.

Mr. JOHNSON of California. Mr. Speaker, it was with great sadness and shock that Albra and I learned of the tragic death of our good friend JERRY PETTIS. His passing will leave a void in both the California congressional delegation and the House of Representatives which will be difficult to fill.

JERRY was a Member of special ability and expertise. He came to Congress after a distinguished career in the field of aviation. He flew his first airplane in uniform, as a decorated flyer during World War

II. His competence was quickly recognized and he was selected to instruct other pilots. Upon leaving the military he flew commercially with United Air Lines and quickly rose to the upper echelons of that organization.

JERRY PETTIS had 35 years of flying experience and one of his most dedicated efforts was in the field of aviation safety. Therefore, it was most ironic that he was taken from us through an aviation accident.

In addition to being an outstanding aviator, JERRY was a successful businessman, a rancher, and an economics professor. He was truly a master of all trades.

In the House of Representatives, he distinguished himself as a member of the important Ways and Means Committee and his strong leadership capability was recently recognized by his appointment as deputy minority whip.

During his 8 years as a Member of Congress, representing Southern California, JERRY showed a special interest in the people he served, and was a watchdog for the interests of the "little man." His effectiveness as a legislator and a representative were acknowledged by the fact that he was consistently returned to office with increasing margins of victory, including a 2-to-1 majority in the last election.

Perhaps the greatest contribution made to the Congress by JERRY PETTIS was his style. JERRY was a quiet man, but when he spoke, his words carried great substance and were direct to the question or topic under discussion. He was a deeply religious man and this characteristic showed throughout both his public and private life. JERRY set a fine example for all of us to follow.

To Shirley and their three children, Yvonne, Peter, and Deborah, Albra and I extend our sincere sympathy and condolence. JERRY was a great man and a fine Congressman. We will miss him.

Mr. KETCHUM. Mr. Speaker, it was with a great sense of personal sadness, and a strong awareness of public loss, that I received the news of JERRY PETTIS' tragic passing.

I doubt there is anyone here who is unaware of JERRY's consistent devotion to public service here in the House of Representatives. Through four terms in Congress, he demonstrated his outstanding ability as a legislator, his deep concern for his constituency and his capable management of his many responsibilities.

Likewise, I doubt there is an individual present who could but admire JERRY PETTIS' outstanding contributions in the private sector. As a businessman, a rancher, a pilot, and an inventor he stood as an

outstanding example of the success made possible by the free enterprise system, in which he so fully believed. In addition to achieving, and legislating, he was able to educate others, through his 16 years of service as a professor of economics.

These are all public losses. There are few appropriate words in our language to express one's response to the loss of a friend. My most sincere sympathies go with JERRY's wife, Shirley, and his three children. Suffice it to say that the loss of a man such as JERRY PETTIS leaves a great void behind.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, during his lifetime, each individual is required to fulfill many roles, and JERRY PETTIS ably fulfilled each of his responsibilities.

A Christian man, JERRY PETTIS believed that our U.S. Constitution was authored in consonance with the practice of religion.

A devout man, JERRY PETTIS was dutiful and faithful in the performance of his responsibilities as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

A fervent man, JERRY PETTIS applied both his acts and his words to full service of his appointed task whether it be in the office, at home, or with his church.

A dedicated man, JERRY PETTIS was wholly committed to the Christian way of life and those same principles which guided our forefathers to found a government based upon a Constitution guaranteeing individual freedom, and a Declaration of Independence recognizing that all men are created equal and cannot be denied the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

A Republican, JERRY PETTIS accepted the basic philosophy that God is supreme and that the Declaration of Independence states that this shall be a free country, and the U.S. Constitution protects the individual freedom of the people of America. Among their basic beliefs, Republicans "believe that the basic function of Government is to maintain an environment in which the individual can freely develop powers of mind, heart, and body with which his Creator endowed him. We believe that Government should do for the people only the things they cannot do for themselves."

A free enterpriser, JERRY PETTIS believed that private business should have the freedom to "organize and operate for profit in a competitive system without interference by government beyond regulation necessary to protect public interest and keep the national economy in balance."

An American, JERRY PETTIS set an example for us all in statesmanship and gentlemanly manner. His acts were fruitful and his words and deeds shall be remembered for he served the right, the holy, the true, and the free.

His wife, Shirley, always supported JERRY, and worked with him in furthering his goals. Their life together was one of sharing—sharing of responsibilities, sharing of Christian beliefs, and sharing of ideals. Her courage during this trying time has been commendable. My deepest condolences go out to Shirley and the children.

Mr. RHODES. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues of the House of Representatives today to express my deep sense of loss of a talented and outstanding Member. To me, he was more than a colleague, he was a close friend.

JERRY PETTIS was a man of ambition and achievement. His ambitions were not for himself, but for a greater role in serving his country and his God. His achievements, while they brought him most deserved recognition, were for the good of mankind.

He was a man of many parts, the possessor of many talents, a deeply religious man who radiated genuine good will toward mankind. He was a man of careful thought, and decisive action. He was highly successful in several fields; a veteran in aviation, where he pioneered in organizing a pilot's union; a flying clergyman in his Seventh-day Adventist Church; an esteemed teacher and active booster for better facilities for higher education; a most successful political campaigner, a highly respected and well-liked Member of the House.

We, on my side of the aisle, especially feel the untimely loss of JERRY PETTIS. His capacity for leadership had been recognized by his selection as deputy whip on the Republican side. He had ambitious plans to help streamline the whip operation through introduction of modern technology. He was an expert on communications. He understood the highly complicated technical aspects. Yet, he exuded warmth and friendliness in all of his human relationships.

John Donne once wrote: "Any man's death diminishes me." I am sure that all of JERRY PETTIS' many friends on both sides of the aisle feel that they, and the Congress, are diminished by his loss. All of us who knew him are the better for it, and we are acutely aware that a great person has been taken from our midst.

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I had the honor to serve for 8 years in the House of Representatives with JERRY PETTIS. During that

time I came to know him as a quiet, unassuming man with strong religious conviction.

In the finest sense of the term he was a conservative, both in his voting and in his personal life.

JERRY was an extremely capable Congressman and fulfilled his duties with diligence and intelligence. Acting in the finest tradition of the House of Representatives, he used the experience and insight gained from his life prior to his election to effectively evaluate and direct legislation. JERRY served with distinction as a member of the Ways and Means Committee, whose decisions directly affect all Americans.

This body will suffer from the loss of such legislative expertise and wisdom, and from the loss of such a devoted Christian.

I offer my most sincere condolences to his wife, Shirley, and to his fine son and daughters.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I was very sorry indeed to learn of the tragedy that took the life of our friend and colleague, JERRY PETTIS. His untimely death is a great loss to the Congress and to our country. JERRY was a fine man and an able legislator. He excelled as a rancher, teacher, aviator, religious leader, and businessman prior to his election to the Congress in 1966. He brought his experience in these areas to his work in the Congress and to his position of leadership among House Republicans.

I admired his character and his abilities. This admiration and respect was shared throughout the membership of the Congress.

He was third-ranking minority member of the House Ways and Means Committee and was very active in the important work of that committee. He was reelected by wide margins four times in a district in which Democrats hold a registration advantage. In the last election, his margin of victory was 2 to 1. This attests to the fact that he was highly respected by his constituency and they admired his very capable representation in the Congress.

I join my colleagues in extending deepest sympathy to JERRY's family and, along with many others, I assure them he will long remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Mr. DEL CLAWSON. Mr. Speaker, when a man lives his allotted 3 score and 10 and beyond our sorrow and mourning are not as severe as the tragic and accidental death of our friend and colleague, JERRY PETTIS. In this early beginning of the 94th Congress JERRY was on

the threshold of new successes in an already successful congressional career. He had moved up the seniority ladder on the Ways and Means Committee where he enjoyed the prestigious honor and respect of other committee members and exercised an influential voice in the conduct and decisions of the committee. He had been appointed to a leadership position in the minority whip's operation that provided an excellent outlet for JERRY's special ability. This bright future for JERRY was snuffed out completely with the untimely crash of his plane in the San Bernardino mountains.

In paying our personal and collective tribute to our colleague we recognize the unique qualities of character and business acumen that brought JERRY a much higher than average success in the business arena in addition to his political successes.

JERRY was also a religious man with firm convictions in the church of his choice. JERRY was a fine father and family man demonstrated by his devotion and dedication to Shirley and the children.

JERRY was a good citizen and patriotic member of our society with strong feelings about our constitutional form of government and its continued preservation. There is such a thing as an "untimely death."

Today that fact is clearly revealed. The sorrow, remorse, tribulation, and loneliness suddenly thrust upon the Pettis family is shared by all of us. Our hearts and minds reach out to Shirley in an effort to assuage the burden that now rests upon them. May the healing balm of God's blessings of understanding, peace, and serenity come and abide with them also is our humble prayer.

Mr. GOLDWATER. Mr. Speaker, it is just too difficult to comprehend the untimely death of our colleague, JERRY PETTIS. Like the title of the great drama, JERRY was truly "A Man for All Seasons." Dedicated to his work here and unassuming in his demeanor, JERRY was respected by every Member of this body.

He worked at this job 24 hours a day. He was a constituent Congressman in the finest sense of the word, and his constituents returned him to Congress with tremendous majorities. Ironically JERRY was killed while performing constituent service.

He made an invaluable contribution to the important Ways and Means Committee, and as we debate the tax bill today, I cannot help but think about him and how diligently he worked for meaningful tax reform as a member of the committee.

In my judgment, few men and women can match the role he played in furthering the cause of aviation. Not only was he a distin-

guished pilot, but he had a perspective about aviation and its role in the Nation's transportation system that helped immeasurably in bringing aviation of age. Aviation has lost one of its greatest friends and most effective spokesmen.

Mr. Speaker, it was my sad duty to attend the funeral of JERRY PETTIS. The outpouring of hundreds, perhaps thousands, who attended the funeral was a mighty tribute to a mighty man. He was loved and admired by all who came into contact with him, and JERRY was a person with no vendetta toward his fellow man.

He leaves a lovely and gracious wife, Shirley, and three handsome children. Theirs is the secure knowledge that JERRY PETTIS was a doer, a Christian gentleman who made a positive mark on the world, and made it a better place in which to live. I salute his memory. I shall miss him. People like JERRY PETTIS are hard to find.

Mrs. MINK. Mr. Speaker, I think that the word "shock" best describes my own reaction when I heard of the death of our colleague, JERRY PETTIS, earlier this month. The tragic accident which took his life has left a void in this Congress and deprived us of his counsel and those whom he represented of a friend and loyal Congressman.

Most of us were familiar with his distinguished career as a pilot, an educator, and a businessman. During World War II, JERRY PETTIS served in the Pacific and knew the area, and I like to feel that he had a special sympathy for Pacific peoples and our unique approach to life. JERRY and I worked together on education funding for our respective school districts during the time we shared membership in this House, and I found him a thorough Congressman and a concerned human being.

I send my deepest sympathies to his wife, Shirley, and their three children. I share their sorrow at his untimely passing. We will all miss JERRY.

Mr. PRITCHARD. Mr. Speaker, it is with much sorrow and a deep sense of personal loss that I join my colleagues in mourning the death of our good friend, JERRY PETTIS.

JERRY was a magnificent man. I have never met anyone so thoughtful of everyone he came in contact with and who demonstrated such intense compassion for people. He raised the level of every group he worked with and activity he participated in. I considered his friendship a high compliment.

Few men in America could begin to match JERRY's variety of accomplishments. Most men are successful in a handful of areas, but JERRY was a success in everything he did—from his early years as an aviator to his later careers in the academic and political worlds. Yet he always retained his humility and sense of humor.

We all tend to remember individuals through their particular work or achievements, particularly when those people are public figures. But JERRY PETTIS left something much more valuable and meaningful to those of us privileged to know him. His great legacy to us is the memory of a man who had a perfect sense of priorities, a gentleness of character, a strength of commitment, and impeccable integrity. He had a strong sense of direction, and all of his actions reflected his firm beliefs.

Before I entered politics, someone gave me a bit of advice. He said that there was no limit to what a person could accomplish if he was not concerned with who got the credit. JERRY PETTIS must have lived by this principle. He was selfless in his approach to public life, and continually performed services for others unmindful of who would get recognition.

I join my colleagues in extending deepest sympathy to all of JERRY's family and especially to his wife, Shirley. We want them to know how much we will miss him. We are all richer because he passed this way.

Mr. GINN. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, during my first term in Congress, I did not have the opportunity of working closely with JERRY PETTIS as we served on different committees and in different parties so our paths did not cross often.

However, I did learn of his personal characteristics that made him one of those men who truly has made a contribution to this Nation. His concern for his constituents was well-known and it was this keen dedication to duty that lent itself to his untimely death for he was flying to a meeting on behalf of the citizens of the 37th District of California when his plane crashed.

His membership on the Ways and Means Committee gave JERRY PETTIS the opportunity to make contributions to the enactment of many laws that have an effect on nearly every American. His particular attention to tax reform and trade reform legislation was valuable in the committee's work on this needed legislation.

His family and personal life are sterling examples of the man that JERRY PETTIS was and the effects of his work and personality will remain with all who worked with and knew him.

I extend my personal sympathy to his wife and children, his congressional staff and his constituency who are truly blessed by having personally known this kind and concerned man.

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I feel a very real sense of personal loss with the passing of our colleague, JERRY PETTIS of California. He was a good friend, an able legislator and a dedicated public servant.

JERRY PETTIS was a remarkable man. We all know that he was an outstanding Member of the House and we are aware of his long record of public service.

However, in addition to these qualities, JERRY was a distinguished businessman, an educator, an inventor, an economist, and an aviator. I personally admired his involvement in these various fields and I know that we all gained a great deal from his expertise in such a variety of interests. His broad background in so many different fields earned for him the respect of not only Californians, but businessmen and citizens across the country.

We will miss JERRY PETTIS. We will miss his leadership and his cooperation. On behalf of all those who knew and respected JERRY as much as we in this House, I extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

Mr. ERLENBORN. Mr. Speaker, our colleague, JERRY PETTIS, is gone from us, never to return; and the House of Representatives has suffered a real loss.

He was one of the most versatile Members of this body. All of us know that he was once an airline pilot; but not so many know that he was once a professor of economics. It is easy to recall that he served as assistant to the president of a large corporation in the postwar years; but less well known that he was a kindly man and a helpful colleague.

He had such a broad range of interests that he might have been expected to be a jack of all trades and a master of none. JERRY PETTIS, however, was a master of many.

He was killed in an airplane accident February 14, a tragedy for his family and for the Nation. We need people of his caliber and his understanding and his honesty.

Mr. Speaker, I join in extending sympathy to his bereaved family.

Mr. BROOMFIELD. Mr. Speaker, with the tragic death of our colleague JERRY PETTIS, the House has lost a truly outstanding legislator, as well as a remarkable individual. Personally, I have lost a good friend.

JERRY came to Congress with an impressive list of accomplishments to his credit. Few Members of Congress have ever displayed the versatility that JERRY PETTIS possessed. During his remarkable life, JERRY was an inventor, an educator, a businessman, a commercial pilot, and finally, a dedicated public servant.

The same energy and ability that made him so successful in private life, made JERRY a first-rate Member of this body. Congress and the country will sorely miss the thorough and professional job he performed as a member of the Ways and Means Committee, and his constituents will miss the outstanding representation he provided them with during his 8 years in the House.

On a more personal level, those of us who came to know JERRY over the years, will deeply miss his friendship. He was a warm and decent human being, and our lives have been enriched simply by associating with this kind of a person.

I am proud to have known and worked with a man of JERRY PETTIS' character, and I join my colleagues in paying tribute to his memory. To his wife, Shirley, and their children I offer my sincere condolences in this most difficult time.

Mr. J. WILLIAM STANTON. Mr. Speaker, the news of the death of JERRY L. PETTIS was received by the Stanton family with deep shock and great sadness.

JERRY PETTIS was a very devoted public servant. He was extremely well liked by all who came in contact with him. It was obvious to everyone that he was a man of high moral character who knew the importance of spiritual values.

My wife, Peggy, joins me in extending to Shirley and their three children, Yvonne, Peter, and Deborah, our deepest sympathy.

Mr. CLANCY. Mr. Speaker, it is a sad occasion to honor a dedicated and outstanding colleague and friend after his untimely and tragic death. JERRY PETTIS was a remarkable man of great responsibility and dedication to service and I personally mourn the loss of a close and good friend. JERRY was a very devoted public servant, giving fully of his time and his vast knowledge and insight. With

JERRY's particular sense of responsibility, he devoted himself to whatever matter was before him.

As a member of the Ways and Means Committee with him, I was able to observe firsthand that JERRY was the kind of Congressman who had a deep sense of concern for all who might be affected by the committee's actions. He made tremendous contributions to that committee, to this House as well as to this country. I think that all the Members of this House have been enriched and enlightened by association with JERRY PETTIS and the ideals he stood for. His passing has been a great loss to all of us who knew and admired him. His contributions to us have been both scholarly and pragmatic, and we shall miss him.

Mr. FLYNT. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying my respects to a patriotic American and a great Californian.

I was both shocked and saddened when news reached me of the untimely and unfortunate death of Congressman JERRY PETTIS. I am sure that all of us were wholly unprepared for the sad news of his death.

From the very first day that Congressman PETTIS came to Congress, I have known, liked, admired, and respected him. I considered him a warm personal friend, and I know that he was an able public servant and an outstanding Member of the House of Representatives.

From the time that I met him until his recent passing, I found him always willing and able to be helpful to me, and I am sure to other Members of the House.

He was dedicated to America and its democratic institutions. California was truly fortunate to have had the services of Congressman PETTIS and it is a tragedy that such an unfortunate accident has cut short a brilliant career.

He was a statesman of courage and commitment. He was a wise and strong leader. He was a man of consistent and unwavering integrity. We will all miss him, and I extend my sympathy to his family and all the people of California.

Mr. TALCOTT. Mr. Speaker, I sorrowfully join my colleagues in their eulogies to our former colleague, JERRY PETTIS.

Lee and I consider knowing JERRY and Shirley PETTIS as one of our very special joys and privileges of serving in the House of Representatives.

JERRY had one of the most successful careers of any Member before being elected. He was gifted with many special talents and he used them well.

He shared his talents with his family, associates, and fellow man. He shared the fruits of his achievements with his church, his community, and fellow man.

He was an able and respected Member of this House, his Committee on Ways and Means, and our California delegation. He was a conscientious legislator and dedicated to the constituents of the congressional districts which he was always proud to represent.

We were impressed that Shirley was always so much of his congressional life and that they worked as such an effective team in representing their districts and the individual constituents.

We are grateful that he demonstrated by principle and example a tremendous religious faith in God and a true friend and supporter of his church.

We were shocked and grieved by his sudden death, because he seemed to us too young to die and his work and talents too needed here and at home. Obviously we do not comprehend the longer plan.

We find some consolation and relief from our grief in having known him during his life and to have shared many happy and satisfying times with him which we shall long remember with joy and fondness.

We believe he died while on active duty, serving his district, trying to make an appointment on time, in suddenly inclement weather, when he was physically, mentally, and emotionally fatigued. Even the best of airmen cannot always survive the hazards, rigors, and burdens of our work.

Lee and I express our condolences to Shirley and their children. We applaud Shirley for the manner and faith in which she has withstood her sudden and tragic bereavement and her strength and commitment in carrying on so beautifully and impressively.

Mr. BROYHILL. Mr. Speaker, it was a great shock and deep sense of loss that I learned of the tragic death of our colleague, JERRY PETTIS. I have known JERRY well since he came to Congress in 1967, and I know that his death will be a great loss for the House of Representatives.

JERRY PETTIS came to the House with a most interesting and successful background. He was a pilot in World War II, a businessman, and an educator. JERRY brought a wealth of talent with him to the House of Representatives, and he used it well during his service here.

I knew JERRY as one of the most studious Members of the House. He was extremely thorough in his approach to legislation and as a result he was always well informed of the details of complex legislation. He was a person whom other Members often consulted for information and advice. His views were well respected and his counsel was valued.

To me, JERRY PETTIS epitomized the type of public servant which this country needs: The House of Representatives can be proud of JERRY's service here. We have lost a fine man and an outstanding legislator.

I extend to his wife, Shirley, and his three children, my deepest sympathy for their sad loss. I know their pride in JERRY's accomplishments and their memory of his fine human quality will help to ease the sadness they feel.

Mr. RAILSBACK. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join in expressing sorrow at the untimely death of our good friend and colleague, JERRY PETTIS. JERRY was a wonderful person, warm and outgoing. We entered the Congress together back in 1967, and I am certainly going to miss him.

JERRY was a dedicated and responsible man. He brought to his work in Congress all his experience as an inventor, businessman, educator, and civic leader.

He had the distinction of being one of the very few Members of Congress to serve on the Ways and Means Committee after just 3 years in the House. As a member of that committee, he worked for welfare reform, drug control legislation, social security increases, tax reforms, and the revenue sharing plan. Most recently, he was the ranking minority member of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health.

JERRY PETTIS also served on the Congressional Task Force on National Health, where he was an effective and articulate spokesman for new approaches in our current health care system.

And he was just appointed deputy minority whip.

JERRY's death is a great loss to me, to the Congress, and to all his friends and constituents. Such a man cannot be replaced; he can only be remembered with respect, affection, and enormous gratitude that we were privileged to know him. To his wife, Shirley, and their three children, Yvonne, Peter, and Deborah, I extend my deepest and most heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. QUILLEN. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying tribute to the life and memory of JERRY L. PETTIS, the late Congressman from the State of California. The Members of the House have lost a great colleague, the constituents in his district have lost a great representative, the country has lost a great American, and I have lost a good friend.

JERRY PETTIS served in the House for 9 years. He will long be remembered for his valuable contributions as a member of both the Science and Astronautics Committee and the Ways and Means Committee.

He was an honest and honorable man who was highly respected and admired by his many friends. He was a man of firm convictions and deep devotion for the welfare of our Nation, which always came first with him. His untimely passing leaves a void which will be impossible to fill.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

Mr. COUGHLIN. Mr. Speaker, the death in a plane crash of JERRY PETTIS leaves a void for the many of us who knew and respected him as a friend and as a Congressman.

A man of many talents, JERRY PETTIS died in the prime of his life, but not before he had filled his years with accomplishments that few could match. Aviator, World War II veteran, airline executive, rancher, college professor, Congressman—all of these were JERRY PETTIS and more.

Despite, or perhaps, because of his varied and brilliant record in a number of highly competitive areas, he was a man who carried his achievements with informal grace. He was an unpretentious, solid individual who took his work seriously, but never himself seriously.

As a Congressman, JERRY PETTIS labored hard in behalf of his constituents. He fit into life in the Capital with the ease of the mature and experienced, but never neglected the citizens who had honored him by electing him to five successive Congresses.

While the loss is great to his constituency and his colleagues, the loss is far greater to his devoted wife and three children. On behalf of myself, my family, and my staff, I offer them our sympathy and condolences, and the comfort of Isaiah 25:8:

He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces.

Mr. WOLFF. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sense of great sorrow and great privilege that I rise today to join with the colleagues of JERRY PETTIS throughout the land, and particularly in the Civil Air Patrol he loved so much, and worked so hard for, in formally acknowledging our respect for him as a man, and as a leader of men.

It is perhaps presumptious of us to say that any man's passing is untimely, for it is not our place to question the wisdom of the ages which has forever dictated such things. But it is with a particularly personal sense of loss that I pay tribute to my good friend JERRY here today.

JERRY L. PETTIS and I worked together to set up the Congressional Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol in 1967, and I ask the permission of the House to present for the Record tributes from our colleagues in squadrons from several States at the conclusion of my remarks.

Along with his love of the desert, which he embodied in his California Desert Protection Plan, and which I take the liberty of commending to our attention as a fitting congressional memorial to JERRY's memory and the ideals he so ably represented, our colleague loved the air and the machines which probe its spaces.

He loved nothing better than to introduce others to the wonders of the skies, and no one had more respect for the skill and courage necessary to be a good pilot, particularly a pilot who voluntarily risks his or her life in rescue efforts in behalf of others.

If I may, I would mention one project JERRY was working on which perhaps best illustrates his love of the air and his desire to spread the gospel, and that is a program right here in the Nation's Capital to set up a flight program for innercity children so that they too can feel the wonder of flying.

Mr. Speaker, JERRY's colleagues have already expressed their respect for him as a legislator far more eloquently than my poor words, and I thank them for it. I would only add that I, too, respected and honored his belief in the institutions of free trade and a free economy, and the manner in which he translated his beliefs into strong arguments and forceful persuasion.

JERRY L. PETTIS is missed and will continue to be missed by all of us here in this House, and by those who knew and loved him at home. Let me end by joining the House in extending my deepest personal sympathy to JERRY's wife, Shirley, and to his three children, Yvonne,

Deborah, and Peter, and let me again pass on the respects of JERRY from my personal colleagues in the Civil Air Patrol:

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.,
February 19, 1975.

Hon. LESTER WOLFF,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN WOLFF: The Arkansas Wing, Civil Air Patrol, joins me in expressing our most sincere and deep sympathy for the family of Congressman JERRY L. PETTIS. Several of my staff and I were at the Aerospace Rescue and Coordination Center at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, when the message arrived that his aircraft had been found. I wish I could convey to you the sense of loss that pervaded that room when the announcement came.

Most certainly Civil Air Patrol has lost a good friend. But, most of all, we want you to know that we share in your grief and that of his family and his many friends.

Please extend this, our expression of concern, to all whom it might bring comfort and tell them our prayer is that they know the peace that passeth understanding.

Sincerely yours,

DONALD F. HUENEFELD,
Lieutenant Colonel, CAP Commander.

CONGRESSMAN JERRY L. PETTIS

GROSSE ILE, MICH.,
February 19, 1975.

Congressman LESTER WOLFF,
Congressional Squadron,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN: It is with great sorrow I write to you upon the death of JERRY L. PETTIS.

In the business of Search and Rescue we are involved many times with fatalities but it is always the "other guy." We begin to believe it can't happen to us. When we lose someone with whom we can closely associate with, as JERRY PETTIS, life takes on a new meaning.

I like to always believe every dark moment has a purpose. We cannot always see the silver lining as soon as we think we should; however, in the long haul it becomes apparent. I'm sure this will be true in JERRY's death. If only one pilot has his thoughts awakened to the possibility that it could be him the next time and becomes a safer pilot because of it . . . this sad tragedy will have some purpose.

Please express the sorrow we the people of Michigan share with the family, you and your colleagues in Congress at the passing of Congressman JERRY L. PETTIS.

R. A. SHEIBELS, *Lieutenant Colonel,*
CAP, Michigan Wing Commander.

CONGRESSMAN JERRY L. PETTIS

BEAVER DAM, WIS.,
February 17, 1975.

CONGRESSMAN LESTER WOLFF:

1. It is with great sorrow that the Dodge County Composite Squadron, CAP, learned of the death of a fellow flyer and CAP member.

2. Please extend to his family and friends our deepest sympathy as we share with them a deep sense of loss.

WILLIAM F. COURSEN,
First Lieutenant, CAP, Commander.

CHARLOTTE, N.C.,
February 19, 1975.

Congressman LESTER WOLFF,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN WOLFF: It is with much sorrow that we here in North Carolina learned of the untimely death of Congressman JERRY PETTIS, a true friend of Civil Air Patrol. We know that he will be truly missed by his colleagues in Congress.

Please extend my personal sympathy to his family and friends.

Sincerely,

IVEY M. COOK, Jr.,
Colonel, CAP, Commander.

VALLEY STATION, KY.,
February 18, 1975.

Hon. LESTER WOLFF,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. WOLFF: We of the Civil Air Patrol deeply regret the death of Representative JERRY L. PETTIS in an airplane crash on February 14, 1975. He will be missed by all Civil Air Patrol senior members and cadets.

His work toward legislation beneficial to the Civil Air Patrol was indicative of his friendship with the Civil Air Patrol.

We would like to extend our sympathy to Mr. PETTIS' family.

Respectfully,

J. F. UNDERWOOD,
First Lieutenant, Squadron Commander.

BUCKHANNON, W. VA.,
February 17, 1975.

Hon. LESTER WOLFF,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. WOLFF: The Buckhannon Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol wishes to express their deepest sympathy to the colleagues in congress and to the family of Congressman JERRY L. PETTIS.

We too, feel that we have lost a very dear friend in Civil Air Patrol.

Lt. CLAYTON BAUGHMAN,
CAP, Squadron Commander.

WILMINGTON, DEL.,
February 19, 1975.

Hon. LESTER L. WOLFF,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR COLONEL WOLFF: Delaware Wing, Civil Air Patrol, joins all CAP members throughout the country in mourning the loss of Congressman JERRY L. PETTIS. He was a true public servant, and his contributions to his fellowmen will long be remembered.

It would be appreciated if you would express to Mr. PETTIS' family our sincere sympathy in this time of sorrow.

We only hope that the good work Mr. PETTIS did in connection with the new CAP Supply Bill was sufficient to enable his surviving colleagues to effect its passage by congress. In any event, his service has benefitted CAP and will not be forgotten.

Sincerely yours,

LOUISA SPRUANCE MORSE,
Colonel, CAP Commander.

LITTLE FALLS COMPOSIT SQUADRON,
Little Falls, Minn.

Rep. JERRY PETTIS will be deeply missed by Civil Air Patrol Auxiliary.

From: Communication Personnel, Lt. Helen Leiknoll:

There is so little we can do
To help you bear your sorrow.
There is so little we can say
To help you through tomorrow.
But still, may these words comfort you
And let you know somehow,
Our heartfelt thoughts of sympathy
Are there with you right now

TELEGRAM

From: Hq. CAP–USAF, Maxwell AFB.
To: Mrs. Jerry L. Pettis:

The entire membership of Civil Air Patrol has been saddened at the news of your husband's tragic death. Civil Air Patrol has lost one of its greatest friends and most respected leaders. His personal support and untiring efforts in behalf of CAP will continue to be an inspiration to my staff and the 61,000 Americans who serve in this national volunteer organization. Although words cannot express the depth of our concern, be assured of our prayers and heartfelt sympathy.

Brig. Gen. LESLIE J. WESTBERG,
USAF, National Commander.

Mr. WINN. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sorrow and regret that I pay final tribute to my friend and colleague, JERRY L. PETTIS of California.

JERRY PETTIS' death was an untimely one. He was a youthful man, physically meticulous and mentally alert and active. He had much that he could yet give and share with his constituents and the American people. Although young at the time of his death, his accomplishments were many; airline pilot, first president of an international union, businessman, economist, educator, religious leader, and legislator. The success of all of his endeavors followed him to the Congress, where his natural leadership qualities again made him stand out.

His background, knowledge, and dedication in the field of economics made him a respected member of the House Ways and Means Committee; but JERRY PETTIS was also a fine human being. He enjoyed the out of doors, and kept himself physically active playing a great deal of tennis. He also enjoyed a game of softball or touch football.

It was a pleasure for me to number JERRY PETTIS among my personal friends. His contributions are legion and he will be missed by those who knew and worked with him. Joan and I want to express our heartfelt sympathy to Shirley and their children.

Mr. EDWARDS of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to join my colleagues in paying tribute to the late Representative of the 37th Congressional District of California, JERRY PETTIS. An intelligent and totally dedicated legislator and a wonderful human being, I am proud to have known JERRY, and will greatly miss him.

As a fellow member of the California delegation, I have known JERRY PETTIS for many years, and have certainly been enriched by our friendship. I remember him as always cheerful and a fascinating person to talk to. I have only the highest respect for this man, and extend my deepest sympathy to his fine wife Shirley, and their three children.

JERRY was an individual of so many interests and talents, all of which he brought to Congress. He had complete faith in America and the American way of life, and was himself a remarkable example of all that our way of life has to offer.

As a most hard-working and constructive member of the Ways and Means Committee, JERRY PETTIS has served his constituents and his country outstandingly. He was a man who cared, and that was reflected in everything he did. His contributions will certainly be long admired and remembered by all. I can only say that we shall all lose by the tragic and untimely passing of JERRY PETTIS.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I join in mourning the death of JERRY L. PETTIS, our late, distinguished colleague whose death in a plane crash February 14 while piloting his own plane brought sadness to each of us and all who had been served by him and associated with him in and out of government.

Although JERRY PETTIS and I served on different committees in the House, I became well acquainted with him through our membership in the Republican whip organization and the general activities of the House. A finer public servant, legislator, and friend would be difficult to name. His loss to the House, our Nation, and his district will be felt greatly as we struggle to solve the economic and energy problems that confront us. Especially will his absence be felt on the Ways and Means Committee from which some of the major legislative solutions must spring. Fortunately, the quality of his service and the responsible manner that marked his career in the House gained the type of respect from his colleagues that will continue to have influence. As it does, it will provide a greater testimonial to his life than all we say here today.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my most heartfelt condolences to JERRY PETTIS' widow, Shirley, and their family. Their personal loss of a fine husband and father makes our sorrow seem selfish. But to them, may I say we will miss him here, too.

Mr. McKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, I share with many of you a special sense of loss on the passing of our colleague, JERRY PETTIS of California. At one time or another, we were all freshmen in the Chamber and I am certain that at some time, we experienced a similar feeling of bewilderment as we faced our new duties and responsibilities. It is in those early days when we all look for a helping hand and I know that in my case, as I am sure it was the case with many of you—one of the first to come to my aid was the gentleman from Loma Linda, Calif. Here was a man, Mr. Speaker, who came to Congress fresh from an enormously successful career in the business world; a career—and this was consistent with his personal values, which put the consumer, or should I say, the person, first. It was with this same spirit that he approached his duties in the House, a deep concern for the needs of all his fellow citizens, especially as it related to his work on the House Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Speaker, JERRY PETTIS' business career was one of success and while here, no one doubted his understanding and ability in the legislative field. But more importantly, and what stands out—and this is his legacy—is the way in which he treated his fellow man; with dignity, respect, and a generous amount of kindness. To me that was JERRY PETTIS—an example we would all do well to follow.

Mr. BOB WILSON. Mr. Speaker, I thank all of our colleagues today who have contributed to this special order on behalf of our late colleague.

In conclusion let me just add one further remark about one of JERRY'S facets, because, as the gentleman from California (Mr. Lagomarsino) stated, he was a many-faceted man. He was a rancher, and an innovative rancher, in San Diego County, as a part of the various properties that he held.

One of the reasons that I feel a special loss about JERRY is the fact that at his urging I recently purchased some property adjacent to his in the Palomar Valley to build for my future an avocado grove adjacent to JERRY'S grove. JERRY was absolutely a master at making a beautiful Garden of Eden, as one of those in the eulogy stated, out of this rocky hillside that he purchased many years ago in the Palomar Valley. He grew everything there in great profusion and abundance.

He had avocadoes of many varieties. He had 17 acres of kumquats; he had dates; he had everything that could possibly grow on that side of the mountain. He had a true green thumb.

He was an innovator. He developed a new tangerine, and it was known as the Pettis Tangerine, among many other fruits on that beautiful ranch.

So we were counting on being next-door neighbors to JERRY PETTIS. It comes truly as a very great loss to realize that is not going to be, but I am assured by his widow, Shirley, that she intends to keep that property more or less as a memory, as a tribute to his ability as a farmer and a rancher, so we will be neighbors with Shirley Pettis who, again, has the sympathy, I know, of every one of us in this House and her many friends in the district in which he served.

Mr. EILBERG. Mr. Speaker, I knew JERRY PETTIS as a warm, friendly Member who came, as I did, to represent his district in the 90th Congress. JERRY, a talented pilot, who often toured his way along the campaign trails in his own small aircraft, had friends across party lines, and I was privileged to be among them. In tribute to him and to his constructive efforts in advancing the work of the Congress, I offer the following eulogy:

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I join my colleagues in mourning the passing of our friend and colleague, JERRY PETTIS. His death was the kind that has inspired men of all ages and nations to ask "Why?" Why should such a good man, such a great man, be cut off in the prime of life by a senseless and tragic accident? We cannot answer that question. But JERRY was a man of deep religious faith which he shared with his wife and family, and that faith will comfort them in their terrible loss.

The memory of JERRY PETTIS will inspire all of us who were privileged to know him to be better men, better public servants, and to lead fuller and more productive lives. He was an outstanding pilot, inventor, businessman, teacher, and Representative, who felt that he owed his accomplishments to the opportunities granted him by his country. He believed with his whole heart in American freedom and opportunity, and with that belief went a strong sense of responsibility to protect, defend, and serve it. He worked very hard on the Ways and Means Committee, and few men have achieved mastery over the highly complex and crucial issues which constitute that committee's work. He was dedicated and sincere in his belief that public service is just that, and demands a willing sacrifice.

The death of JERRY PETTIS is a great loss to his friends and colleagues, his constituents, and the Nation. To his family I extend my deepest sympathy.

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, words cannot express the sorrow I feel at the passing of our friend, JERRY PETTIS. He served the people of California with great distinction and his death has created a void that will be difficult to fill.

It was my privilege to work closely with JERRY PETTIS from the time he became a Member of Congress in 1967; we served together on the Science and Astronautics Committee until 1970. I came to know JERRY as a man of reason, whose views were moderate and in the best interest, not only of the State of California, but also of the Nation as a whole. His commonsense and leadership will be sorely missed.

One is always shocked at the untimely death of a good friend, especially one that possesses as much vitality, intelligence, and caring for man as JERRY possessed. We can only console ourselves by the fact that we had the privilege of knowing this man and remembering that his good works will continue and his fine example will remain with us in spirit.

For those of us who knew him well and for those whose acquaintance with him was only brief, JERRY PETTIS will be remembered as a dedicated, hard-working, and capable individual. We all will miss him greatly.

In addition to my own remarks, I would also like to include the remarks of February 20 by Doug Huff in the Desert Sentinel of Desert Hot Springs, Calif.:

[From the Desert Sentinel, Feb. 20, 1975]

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

(By Doug Huff)

Pardon me. I'm still numb from the shock of events last week. In 3 days last week I lost three friends, two of them in violent accidents.

Congressman JERRY PETTIS in a plane crash Friday.

Desert Sentinel county correspondent Lou Thomann Wednesday.

Bill Alward, owner of Personalized Cleaners in Desert Hot Springs Friday in an auto-pedestrian accident.

My biggest shock, however, was the PETTIS plane crash.

I considered JERRY almost a personal friend, so much help has he been to me over the 5 years I have been covering the deserts of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

Here was a man that truly did his homework. He did not shoot from the hip, as too many politicians and people do. He gave it to you straight. If he had no answer he would find out and call you back. You never got a lot of bull from him.

I called on him and his office staff many times. Whenever he was in the area and I was at an event he was attending he always knew me by name, by paper. Usually he recalled our last meeting and knew what I and the paper I represented had been saying.

He spoke at the last meeting I attended as editor in Yucca Valley—a meeting in Twenty-Nine Palms—and when he heard I had left the paper, sent me word wishing me well in Banning.

It was like it was yesterday when we last met in Desert Hot Springs.

That was when he spoke to the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) just prior to last November's elections. It had been several months since we'd last met.

I remember well his trying to convince two teenagers on the corner of Pierson and Palm that he was a real live Congressman. How he laughed as he climbed into Mayor William Schultz' car about how they hadn't believed him because they'd never heard of him and besides, what would a Congressman be doing in Desert Hot Springs, of all places.

Some weeks back I had called his office in Palm Desert on behalf of a widow who seemed to be having some problems with her son and the Veterans' Administration. His staff had the answers within a day. They weren't exactly what the widow had told me, but they were answers and to me quite satisfactory though the widow's problem was not entirely solved. It was not a matter Mr. PETTIS or his staff could exercise any power over, it turned out.

Recently I was to attend a press conference in Palm Springs. I had to bow out however, because it was on a Tuesday and you know what kind of day that is. There is a newspaper to be put together. Which is also why, regretfully, I couldn't make his funeral. I was writing this column.

JERRY didn't want to be in this area the past few days. He would rather have been in Washington, D.C., but his fellow colleagues had wanted a 10-day recess rather than work on pressing national problems.

Having no choice, JERRY flew back to his district to do what he felt was the next best thing. Fly the district and hold hearings on the problems it faced. I suppose it is ironically fitting that he died carrying out two of his great loves, flying and attending the needs of his constituents.

I just feel such a void. Here was a man at the zenith of his congressional career. A man rated most effective of all the California legislators and rapidly becoming one of the most powerful men in Congress. He was respected by leaders and Members of both parties and frequently consulted by occupants of the White House. A man of his integrity and experience will not be duplicated in the 37th Congressional District for many years, if ever again.

When I heard on the car radio he was missing on a flight from Palm Springs to San Bernardino I was entering the big curve on Indian Avenue. I almost crashed. I was so stunned. I looked at those horrendous storm clouds, felt the wind on the car, and I knew he was gone.

It gave me a cold chill.

Palm Desert administrative assistant to JERRY, Mrs. Gretchen Paulson, perhaps sums up what many of us feel today: "It was a murderous ghastly schedule."

He wanted to serve us. He gave his life doing just that.

Mr. LANDRUM. Mr. Speaker, JERRY PETTIS was one of the most wholesome, constructive, and delightful men it has been my pleasure to know.

His tragic and untimely death has taken from our membership one who was vitally concerned with the economic, social, and religious problems of today and one who was devoting his entire energies toward a constructive solution to these problems.

I share with his friends in this body as well as those from his home region profound shock and sadness at his passing and extend to Mrs. Pettis and his family the warmest sympathy and gratitude for their letting us share with them the fine qualities of this man.

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, I join my two colleagues from California, Mr. Bob Wilson and Mr. Rousselot, in expressing my very profound shock and sense of loss with the tragic and untimely death of JERRY PETTIS.

JERRY and I both came to Congress in January 1967, and since that time we had developed a very close and personal friendship which I shall always treasure. My friendship for JERRY grew out of the deep respect I had for his abilities and his dedication to his constituents.

His advice, which I sought often, was always freely and soundly given. He had the unique ability to cut through the legal jargon and give a concise explanation of legislation that was readily understandable to all. This was particularly true with the often complicated bills reported from the Ways and Means Committee on which he served.

I always knew that I could count on JERRY for meaningful advice on tax legislation and honesty of how any particular bill might affect my constituents. For this, I will always be grateful.

Mr. Speaker, I will always remember JERRY PETTIS as a man who was deeply religious and very much dedicated to his faith. I considered it an inspiration to join with him each Thursday while the Congress was in session for the congressional prayer breakfast.

In addition to the other attributes of JERRY PETTIS I have mentioned, he was always very much interested in competitive sports, and especially physical fitness. This interest of his was best evidenced by his sponsorship of touch football and softball for his office staffers. And most of the time his staffers were winners just like JERRY.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure all my colleagues, plus many others on Capitol Hill, feel the loss of JERRY PETTIS. He was a man who deserved and got the respect of all. I extend my deepest sympathy to his wife, Shirley, and his fine family.

Mr. DICKINSON. Mr. Speaker, I was very shocked and sorrowed on the afternoon of February 14, 1975, to hear of the tragic death of my personal friend and a dynamic legislator, JERRY PETTIS.

JERRY and I really got to know each other when we had offices directly adjacent on the third floor of the Cannon Building. Although we did not see eye to eye on every issue, he had the enviable quality of being able to disagree without being disagreeable.

I extend my sympathies to JERRY's widow, Shirley, and the family, Deborah, Yvonne, and Peter, and to his staffs here in Washington and in the district.

Perhaps the greatest tribute one Congressman can pay another is to note that he never forgot the people who elected him. Despite his busy schedule here JERRY PETTIS always found or made time to visit with his constituents—to listen to what they had to say and to report to them his thoughts on the issues.

This House and the Nation have lost a leader. He will be sorely missed and long remembered.

Mr. FINDLEY. Mr. Speaker, the death of our colleague, JERRY PETTIS, ended a productive career in the Nation's Legislature.

JERRY was always a constructive influence. He wanted the Republican Party to advance, of course, but he never let party loyalty surmount his view of the broad public interest.

I rejoiced when he was assigned to the Ways and Means Committee. In his first term, I recognized in him outstanding qualities—hard work, intellectual grasp, integrity.

This past December, I was pleased to see him make himself available for leadership within the Republican delegation. He was deputy whip and had already begun to assist Republican Whip Bob Michel in using the computer science in which JERRY was so skilled to forge a more effective organization.

We have all lost a great friend and an able legislator.

Mr. WYDLER. Mr. Speaker, I have rarely felt the shock I did feel when my wife told me that she had just read that our colleague, JERRY PETTIS, had been killed in a plane crash in California. I had always known and liked JERRY in the years he had served in the Congress, but only recently, with his selection as chief deputy whip, did I get to work very closely with him. I found him to be a remarkable man and a superb Congressman. He was, in my judgment, one of those who was just beginning to come into his own in the Congress, and he would have left an unusual record of achievement if he had

had the opportunity and the years to develop his full potential in the Congress. I know I will miss him here, and I think the country will miss him as well.

Mr. GIAIMO. Mr. Speaker, my heart was filled with sadness when I learned of the tragic death of my good friend, Congressman JERRY PETTIS of California. I extend my deepest sympathies to his wife and children.

In his long and productive career, JERRY served in many capacities. As rancher, airline pilot, flight instructor, and founder of four major companies, JERRY PETTIS has epitomized the success of our free enterprise system. As a professor of economics and Air Transport Command pilot in the Pacific theater during World War II, he affirmed his own commitment to the strength, vitality, and stability of our educational and political systems. From these activities he brought great talent and experience to his work as a Member of Congress.

The people of the 33d Congressional District of California whom he served for 8 continuous years will miss him greatly. The people of this country, unfortunately, will never know the great contributions he made to their well-being while in Congress. We in this Chamber who had the privilege to work with him will miss his absence here most of all.

JERRY PETTIS will be remembered—and well honored—for his hard and constant labor for the issues in which he believed. He was a man of convictions who always listened to every argument before making a final decision. To me, and to all those who were fortunate to know him well, JERRY PETTIS will be remembered as a colleague and friend.

As his friend, my heart speaks and says the same words uttered by Anthony over the body of the fallen Brutus upon the field at Philippi:

"His life was gentle and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world, this was a man."

Mr. ANDERSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in mourning the tragic death of our good friend JERRY PETTIS. The plane crash which took his life snuffed out his congressional career at its pinnacle: JERRY had just been reelected to a fifth term by a 2-to-1 margin, had ascended to the ranking minority spot on the Ways and Means Health Subcommittee, and had been chosen a deputy Republican whip in the House. He was respected

and liked by Members on both sides of the aisle as a man of great personal integrity, intellect, and warmth.

JERRY brought with him to the House in 1967 the benefit of a rich and varied background as a businessman, inventor, rancher, aviator, philanthropist, and Christian leader, and those who came into contact with him in turn benefited from his multifaceted experience and strong character. JERRY had the unique combination of talents as an idea-man and problem solver, and this helps to explain the enormous contributions he made both to the House and his own district.

During my 14-year career in the House, I have never met a more decent and personable individual, and I will deeply miss his presence in this House both as a fellow Republican and a friend. I extend my sincere condolences to his wife Shirley, his son Peter, and his daughters, Debbie and Yvonne.

Mr. PICKLE. Mr. Speaker, JERRY PETTIS had a varied and successful career. He was a success in aviation, in business, and in the Congress. His innate qualities guaranteed that he would be an outstanding citizen.

Mr. PETTIS was considered one of the most genuine gentlemen in the House. He never took the extreme position on the issues; he never engaged in personalities or outbursts of rhetoric or demagoguery. In his legislative performance he was very careful and thorough. Mr. PETTIS would marshal his facts and meticulously present his case. Because of this approach and because of his kindly demeanor, Mr. PETTIS was held in esteem by his colleagues for his thoughtfulness and consideration.

I feel that I was particularly privileged because I knew JERRY PETTIS in several different ways. We served on the same committee where he always counseled the sound moderate approach to our problems. He was a leader on his side of the aisle and his colleagues constantly sought him for advice and consultation.

I also knew him as a fellow member of the U.S. Capitol Historical Society. JERRY and I were board members and officers on the executive committee together. This post was not just an honorary one for him. He took it very seriously, attended the meetings, and was very active in fund raising for the proposed sound and light program, and the just completed "Capitol Hall." JERRY contacted friends throughout the Nation to gain support of these worthy historical projects.

Only last month he had made tentative plans with me for a fund-raising luncheon to aid the sound and light program.

And lastly, like other Members, I knew JERRY as a colleague. I enjoyed meeting with him on a personal and social basis. He leaves a wonderful family.

I do not hesitate to say that JERRY PETTIS was held in as high esteem as anyone in the House. He was a fine individual, a dedicated legislator, and public servant.

This is a tragic, heartbreaking loss for his family and for his colleagues in Congress. We have lost one of the best Members in all the House.

Mr. HINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join in the expression of sorrow voiced by many of my colleagues over the death of JERRY PETTIS, one of our outstanding congressional leaders.

Having worked very closely with JERRY on many legislative matters these past few years, I gained a very deep respect for him both as an individual and as a very highly accomplished and effective lawmaker.

My deep sense of loss at his death is of a personal nature. When one has developed the kind of rapport with a friend such as JERRY and I had, the sense of loss is accentuated by the feeling of those who know only of his professional contributions to our country, to California, and to his congressional district.

He has left the lasting impression with me, and, I am certain, with all those who knew and worked with him, that he stood for loyalty, dedication, and a high sense of moral and personal integrity. He was endowed with an abundance of these characteristics which may explain, at least in part, the place he won in the hearts of so many of us.

His record of public accomplishments and his successes in the private sector mark JERRY as a great man, whose loss will be felt by all who knew him.

Mr. BURKE of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, the loss of JERRY PETTIS is one that will be felt in the House of Representatives and on the Ways and Means Committee for a long, long, time. It is a great shame that a man who had given so much to his family, his community, and his country should be taken from those duties he loved while he still had so much more to give.

In every field he entered, JERRY PETTIS excelled. In his younger years, he excelled in his studies received a masters' degree at USC and taught speech in Nebraska at the age of 24, during 1940–41. Throughout his life he retained always a deep-rooted love for academia, which gave him most of his greatest satisfaction.

He always worked to improve the lot of his fellow man. As a Seventh-day Adventist preacher, he first learned to fly small planes of the type in which he so tragically perished. As a preacher he first evidenced that sense of duty which led him to visit every corner of his large parish and as a U.S. Congressman every corner of his large California district.

When World War II began, he answered the call every man answered, but in a way that typified JERRY PETTIS. He made a great contribution in helping to organize the Civil Air Patrol, now a well-known and elite air assistance unit of civilian flyers that respond to air distress calls everywhere. He also taught young pilots for quite some time in the CAP. And later in the war he took to the air in the Pacific with the Air Transport.

JERRY loved the air as much as he loved his country and his State, and we would do well to put as much of ourselves into our tasks as he did into the many extraordinary tasks he undertook. He devoted much of himself to the medical world, as an administrator, perennial benefactor, and as a Congressman.

The new Loma Linda Medical Center and VA hospitals in his district shall serve as two of the greatest monuments any man could ask; for JERRY PETTIS they are barely fitting to honor his great contributions to medicine in California. The gift he was proudest of, the tape-recorded Medical Audio-Digest he donated to the California Medical Association, will serve as a living memorial to this great man.

When he came to Congress, he brought with him that undeniable urge to serve that was imparted to many of us to our great advantage. The power of his drive could never be diminished; the value of his work will never be fully realized; neither can any of us measure the great potential that will be our painful loss.

As a colleague of JERRY's on the Ways and Means Committee, I knew him to be an honest, hard-working, and cooperative member. He always impressed us with his knowledge of committee business, and of course, in his devotion to the important affairs of the Nation so often pressuring the committee he was tireless. He shall be deeply missed.

However great our loss, we must remember in the times ahead to offer comfort to those who have suffered the greatest loss, his very dedicated wife Shirley and his three children. Mrs. Burke and I offer the deepest heartfelt condolences.

JERRY PETTIS was a credit to the House of Representatives he served so faithfully, to his State, to his proud family, and to every cause or organization to which he lent his efforts. It was always a great honor to serve with such a man.

Mr. MOSHER. Mr. Speaker, I feel privileged to join in the special order honoring our colleague and friend, the late JERRY L. PETTIS. His untimely death shocked and saddened all of us. It is a profound loss to the Congress, to his constituents, and to his family.

JERRY PETTIS' death is a very personal loss for me. We are all familiar with JERRY's remarkable record of public service and personal accomplishments, Mr. Speaker, but I wish now to add a few personal remembrances, and also to make a special proposal for a specific appropriate memorial.

When JERRY PETTIS first came to the Congress he was assigned to the House Committee on Science and Astronautics, a committee on which I also served. This assignment was very appropriate because of his wealth of knowledge and experience in the area of aeronautics. And his scientific curiosity was not limited solely to aeronautics. In particular, I remember JERRY's ingenious and successful experiments in the production of citrus fruits. That was consistent with his innovative, inventive efforts in all his endeavors.

Throughout his service on the Science Committee, all of us on that panel found JERRY to be a fascinating, much enjoyed human being. He participated faithfully and productively, with a very significant understanding of our committee's obligations.

Then, JERRY moved over to the Ways and Means Committee, where he felt he could better serve his constituents. From talks with my colleagues on that committee, I know that he continued there in his tradition of making very valuable contributions to committee activities.

Even after he moved to the Ways and Means Committee, I was privileged to remain in close association with JERRY PETTIS as we were both members of the Wednesday Group. All of us in that group feel JERRY's loss very personally. Through our weekly meetings and discussions we all knew JERRY to be a wonderful colleague—always productive and creative and hardworking.

Mr. Speaker, all of my comments thus far have been looking backward, into the recent past. If I may, I would now like to propose an idea for the future, to continue in a very vital way our tribute to JERRY PETTIS.

In the opening weeks of this session I joined as a cosponsor of legislation to establish a national conservation area of the California desert. I joined on this legislation at the invitation of JERRY PETTIS.

JERRY felt very strongly about the need to preserve the history and heritage and unique environment that can still be found in the California desert. He first introduced the California Desert Protection Act in the 93d Congress and some hearings were held. Many of our colleagues joined to cosponsor this legislation, both in the last Congress and in this one.

I suggest it would be an entirely appropriate and suitable memorial to our esteemed, departed colleague if we were to do everything possible to hasten the passage of the Desert Protection Act.

Further, Mr. Speaker, I suggest that we should name the proposed conservation area in honor of our former colleague.

Mr. Speaker, as a small token of our esteem for JERRY PETTIS and as a sign of our concurrence with his goals and objectives, I urge the prompt enactment of legislation to create the JERRY L. PETTIS Memorial National Conservation Area in the California desert.

Mr. SISK. Mr. Speaker, it was a sad day when I learned of the tragic death of my friend and colleague from California JERRY PETTIS.

His unfortunate demise is a great loss, not only to our delegation in Congress, but to California and the Nation as a whole. He was one of the more knowledgeable members of the Ways and Means Committee, and while of a different party than half of us on the delegation, shared his knowledge of complicated tax legislation in a nonpartisan way.

In recognition of his talents in this field, and in the field of tariffs, he had been selected to be one of the House representatives at the forthcoming International Trade Agreements Conference in Geneva. In a sense the world suffers from his loss.

He was also knowledgeable in the field of agriculture, California's biggest industry, and will be sorely missed by all his friends in that pursuit.

I admired his character and abilities and this admiration and respect was shared by all the Members of the House.

My deepest sympathy goes to his family and I assure them his memory will long remain in our thoughts.

Mr. BAUMAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to join with the many other Members who have expressed a great sense of loss caused by the untimely death of our colleague, JERRY PETTIS, of California.

In the brief time I have served in the House I came to know JERRY as a good friend, an able Member, and in every way, a fine human being. Only a few days before his death we were discussing his long career in aviation and comparing the relative size of our respective congressional districts. Both of us concluded that the airplane was essential to meet the many commitments of districts such as ours. He recalled to me that my predecessor in Congress, the Secretary of the Interior, Rogers Morton, had learned to fly during his time in the House, and JERRY had encouraged him in this.

That little conversation was typical of the warmth and friendliness of JERRY PETTIS. He will be greatly missed here. My family joins me in extending our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Pettis and their family.

Mr. WHALEN. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying tribute to our late colleague, JERRY PETTIS, of the 37th District of California.

JERRY and I entered Congress at the same time, and we became good friends. Like others, I immediately became aware of his deep personal integrity and his thoroughness in researching issues. To work with JERRY on legislative matters always was a very satisfying experience.

The variety of his precongressional career enabled JERRY to become an extremely effective Member of the House, and resulted in his rise to leadership both on his committee and in the Republican policy structure. The tragedy of his untimely death is augmented by the fact that from his new positions, his contributions to the Nation and to his constituents would have been even greater.

Mrs. Whalen joins me in extending our sympathy to Mrs. Pettis and her children.

May JERRY rest in peace.

Mr. BIESTER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to add a few words of deep respect for our late colleague, JERRY PETTIS.

Few Members of this body elicited the kind of warm and genuine regard which JERRY evoked. He was a friend to all, and we all have lost a true friend.

JERRY and I arrived in Congress at the same time, and from the beginning it was clear that here was a very special person. He approached his legislative responsibilities and committee work with unaffected dedication. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, he knew the importance of his job. He knew it well and he did it well.

Sudden and tragic deaths are hard to accept, and it is especially difficult to comprehend the loss of someone with the vitality and ability JERRY possessed and shared so willingly. His family should be immensely proud of his contributions to his district, State, and Nation.

Mr. SHRIVER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my deep personal sorrow over the sudden loss of a respected colleague and friend, JERRY PETTIS of California.

It is always difficult to say goodby, but it is even more so when one such as JERRY PETTIS, who was energetic, able, and had so much more to contribute, is taken suddenly in a tragic accident. He was in his prime, and had so much more to give to his family, his constituents, to us, and to our Nation. We will miss him very much.

JERRY PETTIS was a person of many diversified interests. He was an accomplished pilot, dedicated to the activities of the Civil Air Patrol, an economist, a teacher, a rancher, an able legislator. He was a devoted husband and father.

I am proud that I had the privilege of being associated with JERRY PETTIS in this House, and will always value the friendship we enjoyed. Mrs. Shriver joins with me in extending our heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Shirley, and to the Pettis family.

Mr. REES. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues from the House in expressing my deep sorrow over the untimely death of our good friend and colleague, JERRY PETTIS.

I had the honor and privilege of working with JERRY over the years on many projects affecting our State of California and our Nation, and I developed a great deal of respect and regard for his many abilities, his great compassion, and his dedication to improving the lot of his fellow man.

It is difficult to express deep feelings in mere words; I know, though, that my own life has been enriched by having had the opportunity of knowing and working with JERRY PETTIS. He will be sorely missed. California and the Nation has indeed suffered a grievous loss.

Mr. LLOYD of California. Mr. Speaker, the sadness of JERRY PETTIS' tragic and untimely death still lingers in my heart and I am sure in the hearts of his many friends in this House. Tributes to JERRY have been many and heartwarming. I would like to add another such tribute, which appeared in the Ontario Daily Report, written by Editor John Jopes. It expresses so well what JERRY meant to us:

CONGRESSMAN'S CONGRESSMAN

In a personal letter to a friend and journalist some years ago JERRY PETTIS said, "I've always thought of you as a newspaperman's newspaperman."

It was, in his estimation, the highest compliment he could pay his friend.

Now, in the wake of his death Friday and on the eve of his funeral it is proper to say JERRY was a congressman's congressman, a politician's politician, and certainly was destined to become a statesman's statesman.

JERRY PETTIS, the tall, quiet, dignified man that he was, was in the midst of that strange and wonderful transition in which a man stops being simply a representative from such and such a district, and becomes a congressman of the United States.

It happens to comparatively few members of the House.

His stature among all political parties in the Congress had grown immensely, but not surprisingly, in the past four years.

He was a counsel to the President of the United States, a friend to those who needed him, and a great contributor to the Nation's legislative process.

JERRY PETTIS was a respected adversary in the arena of congressional debate, and a master of reasonable compromise—the mother of political progress.

Above all, he was his own man. Early in his career he was generally described as a conservative Republican. Then later he was regarded as more moderate. Some in his own party even believed him to be a bit too liberal in some areas.

Actually, he was none of these and all of these.

He believed in every issue there was a course to be found that would be best for all. He never ceased searching for that course. Once having found it, he remained true to his conviction.

That is why he was everyone's congressman—why he earned around 75 percent of the vote the last time he ran for election.

JERRY PETTIS was many more things—a friend, a great family man, a church worker, educator, and farmer.

But fundamentally he was a congressman—

A congressman's congressman.

Mr. ESCH. Mr. Speaker, on February 14 the country lost a dedicated servant, the House lost a real leader, and I lost a close friend. I considered JERRY PETTIS to be a very close friend, having first come with him into Congress in January 1967, and having served with him during the past 8 years.

I knew JERRY to be a man of unquestionable morality and capability—one whom I could turn to to gain specific information and advice on matters before his committee and this House. JERRY PETTIS had the respect of his colleagues because of his own personal attitude. He was a man of great self-discipline and dedication. He was one of the real humans who knew who he was in relationship to his fellow man and to his God, and thus served as a personal inspiration to many of us who were honored and fortunate to be his colleagues.

But Congressman PETTIS was more than that. He was a leader in the House, and many others will confirm his dedication as a Member of this body. Let me also give recognition to his work, not only on the Ways and Means Committee, but also his earlier contributions to the Science and Astronautics Committee.

Especially significant in the work of this House was his keen analytical sense of what was effective business practices for our country. He brought to the Congress a sense of his experience as a businessman and economics professor, and his contribution continued to grow in recent years in the Ways and Means Committee. But most important, JERRY PETTIS will be missed because of his contributions as a public servant for his country.

At a time when the credibility of all public officials is questioned, there was never a question about the credibility of JERRY PETTIS. His deep religious conviction permeated his public and private life. He was one who lived his religious beliefs and practiced them with his family and for his country. That above all others perhaps is the most striking legacy he left with all of us.

Mr. CLEVELAND. Mr. Speaker, one hardly knows where to begin a tribute to a man like JERRY PETTIS, who was taken from us at a time when his career in public service was marked by so much accomplishment and promise for the future.

In an age of increasing specialization in all areas of life, JERRY PETTIS stood apart, distinguishing himself in many fields when the ordinary man would be content with success in any one of them.

JERRY exhibited business ability in his founding of Magnetic Tape Duplicators, which he developed into the world's largest user and duplicator of magnetic recording tapes. He was successful, as well, as an avocado and citrus grower, commercial airline pilot, and special assistant to the president of United Air Lines.

Coming from a family of modest means, JERRY worked his way through college by working on the college dairy farm, getting up at 3 o'clock every morning to milk the cows. His appreciation for the value of education was reflected in later life as he taught at two colleges, served as vice president for development of Loma Linda University and played a key role in the establishment of its $25 million medical center.

He established the Audio-Digest Foundation, a nonprofit organization which furnishes monthly educational tapes to physicians. Revenues from this foundation are held in a trust fund to provide scholarships for needy medical students around the country.

The talents which JERRY brought to private life were placed in the service of the Nation as a whole in his congressional career, in which be became an acknowledged expert in the health care field and worked successfully for the establishment of a 630-bed veterans hospital in Loma Linda.

One need not catalog his legislative accomplishments and record of service to Members of this body, who recognized his intelligence, dedication, and capacity for hard work with his assignment to the Ways and Means Committee only 3 years after his election to the Congress in 1966. He was only the second Member in this century to achieve this position in so short a time.

Along with a thread of accomplishment, JERRY's life was pervaded by deep religious conviction and genuine concern for his fellow man and his problems. He was a Seventh-day Adventist and spent many years preaching for his church and guiding his own life by its principles. Indeed, his sense of purpose, of service, of principle was inseparable from his religious faith.

Despite his achievements, JERRY never stopped caring for people as individuals. Rather, his accomplishments placed him in a better position to help them. This was perhaps the aspect of his work as a Member of Congress that gave him the greatest satisfaction.

JERRY PETTIS took much from America in the way of opportunities offered a man of his capabilities. And in the Nation's highest traditions he gave back in full measure and more. To the House in which he achieved stature, he lent stature, honoring those who had the pleasure and privilege of knowing and working with him.

But the final judgment rests with the constituents we serve, and I can think of no more fitting tribute than these words from his hometown newspaper, the Loma Linda Bulletin:

> This man, JERRY PETTIS, seems to have touched the lives of nearly everyone who saw him. And, in this part of the world, wherever there is help * * * or hope * * * or healing * * * JERRY PETTIS will be remembered.

Proceedings in the Senate

MONDAY, *February 17, 1975.*

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. President, it was very depressing to learn of the death of Representative PETTIS. He was a very outstanding individual, one who was rendering a unique service to the House of Representatives and to our entire Nation.

Not too many years ago Mr. PETTIS lived in Nebraska. He was an educator at Lincoln, Nebr., at Union College.

He made many friends there. He has been interested in that institution and other Nebraska institutions over the years.

His untimely death in an airplane accident late last week brought sorrow to many people in many States.

Representative PETTIS served on the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives. There he plied his usual scholarship. He was dedicated to a sound fiscal program. He was dedicated in his adherence to our private enterprise system, our constitutional government. In other words, in every cause that was really fundamental and genuine, one could find Representative PETTIS on the right side.

On behalf of his many Nebraskan friends, I wish to express our sorrow and our words of condolence to Mrs. Pettis and the other people whom he has left behind.

Mr. McCLURE. Mr. President, I think it might be fitting to add one other dimension to the discussion of the character of Representative JERRY PETTIS.

JERRY PETTIS entered the House of Representatives after the election of 1966, in January of 1967, at the same time I did, and I served with him in the House of Representatives for 6 years.

My wife and I became very close personal friends of JERRY and his wife Shirley. JERRY PETTIS was one of those unique people of tre-

mendous capacity, vitality, and ability. His legislative record has been a matter of public record, and the public has noted it, but I suspect that fewer people know the private side of JERRY PETTIS—JERRY PETTIS, the husband and the father, JERRY PETTIS, the man who was very, very much concerned about the plight of human beings in this country and their well-being. Not very many people were aware of JERRY PETTIS, the professor. In addition to being an educator, he had a distinguished and outstanding career in the aviation world.

Perhaps there is an anomaly that after 35 years of distinguished service in flying in this country, he met his death in an airplane accident.

JERRY PETTIS was one of the finest, most Christian gentlemen that ever graced the Halls of the Congress of the United States.

His ability and his service will be gravely missed by the people of this country. There was great promise in his future service and contributions in legislation with the sensitivity that this fine man possessed.

I am sure that the sympathy of the entire Congress will be extended and is extended to Shirley and the children. We will all miss him.

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate a message from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the message from the House.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable JERRY L. PETTIS, a Representative from the State of California.

Resolved, That a committee of 70 Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. Mr. President, I send to the desk a resolution on behalf of myself, Mr. Cranston, and Mr. Tunney, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the resolution.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable JERRY L. PETTIS, late a Representative from the State of California.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the Committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will proceed to its immediate consideration.

The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, pursuant to Senate Resolution 81, appoints the Senators from California (Mr. Cranston and Mr. Tunney) to join the committee previously appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. Mr. President, in accordance with the previous order and in accordance with the provisions of Senate Resolution 81, I move now that the Senate, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased JERRY L. PETTIS, a Representative from the State of California, stand adjourned until the hour of 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and at 1:45 p.m., the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, February 18, 1975, at 12 o'clock meridian.

MONDAY, *February 24, 1975.*

Mr. McGEE. Mr. President, the people of Southern California and the Nation have lost a great public servant with the recent death of Representative JERRY PETTIS in the crash of his private plane.

JERRY's death was particularly grievous for my wife, Loraine, and me, for it was in July 1973 that we traveled to the People's Republic

of China as part of an official congressional delegation representing our Government. JERRY and his wife Shirley were also members of that delegation. The historic nature of the trip drew the delegation very closely together as we shared with each other one of the most exciting and unique experiences of our public and private careers. Thus, it was within this context that Loraine and I came to know, appreciate, and respect JERRY and Shirley.

As many others have already observed, JERRY PETTIS led a very diversified and exceptional life, both as a private citizen and public figure. As a Congressman, he represented a district in which the Democrats held the edge in voter registration. Yet, as a Republican, he consistently was returned to office by ever-increasing margins, including a 2-to-1 spread in the last election. This represented a truly remarkable tribute not only to his popularity, but also to his abilities and qualities as a public figure.

Loraine and I convey our deepest and sincerest sympathies to Shirley during this most difficult period. Words cannot adequately express the depth of loss we feel with this tragedy. We will miss JERRY as a friend. The people of the 37th Congressional District of California will miss him as an effective representative of their interests in Congress.

Mr. CRANSTON. Mr. President, the sudden death last week of Congressman JERRY L. PETTIS came as a deep personal tragedy as well as an untimely loss to California and the Congress. JERRY will be sorely missed—particularly by his many friends in the California delegation, for whom he consistently provided such outstanding bipartisan leadership.

I would like to share with my colleagues an editorial taken from the Barstow Sun-Telegram, which pays eloquent tribute to this gifted and compassionate man. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the article be printed in the Record.

[From the Barstow (Calif.) Sun-Telegram, Feb. 16, 1975]

JERRY L. PETTIS

The shock of the death of JERRY L. PETTIS, member of Congress from the 37th District of California, will linger long with deepest sadness.

The crash of his plane Friday, which he was piloting, in the mountains north of Beaumont in San Gorgonio Pass, ended the outstanding career of this fine public servant at its peak. He would have been 59 next July.

The tragedy brought to an untimely close a record begun more than seven years ago of uninterrupted devotion to the House and to the people who chose him as their representative.

PETTIS brought to his office a rare and valuable blend of experience and talent. He was special assistant to the president of the United Air Lines for four years after his Air Force service as an instructor and pilot with the Air Transport Command in the Pacific Theater in World War II.

He then turned to his own private businesses and formed four successful companies. Moreover, he found time to teach economics as a Loma Linda University professor, and served as vice president of the university as well as chairman of the Board of Counselors.

At this point in his life he was drawn to a desire to devote his energies and abilities to the people of his congressional district and to the people of the United States through its House of Representatives.

He was elected first in 1966 and was reelected every two years since, he was that kind of a man—a representative, admired and respected by those in his Republican party and those in the Democratic party alike.

His qualities did not go unnoticed in the House. He became a leader of the California congressional delegation and at his death was a member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee. This gave him the influence which he used widely both in the interest of the Nation as a whole and in the interests of his district and his State.

His level-headed judgment will be missed in the House of Representatives, of course. But he never allowed the weight of his responsibilities there to keep him from the people in his district, or throughout the Inland Empire.

He kept close to them, listened to them, helped them and visited them frequently—the mark of a congressman living up to the finest tradition of dedication to constituents.

The nation has suffered a great loss with the death of this honorable and compassionate and earnest man. Even greater, though, is the loss mourned by those of us who will ever remember his gracious smile, good humor and constant concern for us and our problems.

There will be other congressmen to represent us. But not another JERRY L. PETTIS.

Mr. FANNIN. Mr. President, many Arizonans and other admirers of JERRY L. PETTIS are saddened by the death of this outstanding leader.

Although he served in the Congress from California, Representative PETTIS was a native Arizonan. He spent his early years in the State, his family still resides in Arizona, and he has countless friends in our State.

In short, we in Arizona think of him as not only a friend and good neighbor but as one of our own.

His life was one of service to his fellow man with outstanding success and achievement as a Christian disciple, an educator, a commercial pilot and leader in the aviation world, an inventor of prominence, and an extremely gifted legislator. With all of his prestigious accomplishments he remained a humble man.

It was my good fortune to be with him as an observer at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Conference last year. I witnessed his great ability as a counselor on international affairs advising our trade representative.

Mr. President, JERRY PETTIS was not only an outstanding public servant, he also was a devoted family man. I join my colleagues in the Senate and the people of Arizona in extending condolences to Mrs. Pettis and the children.

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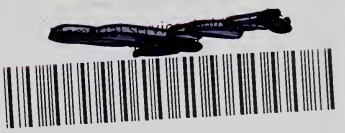

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